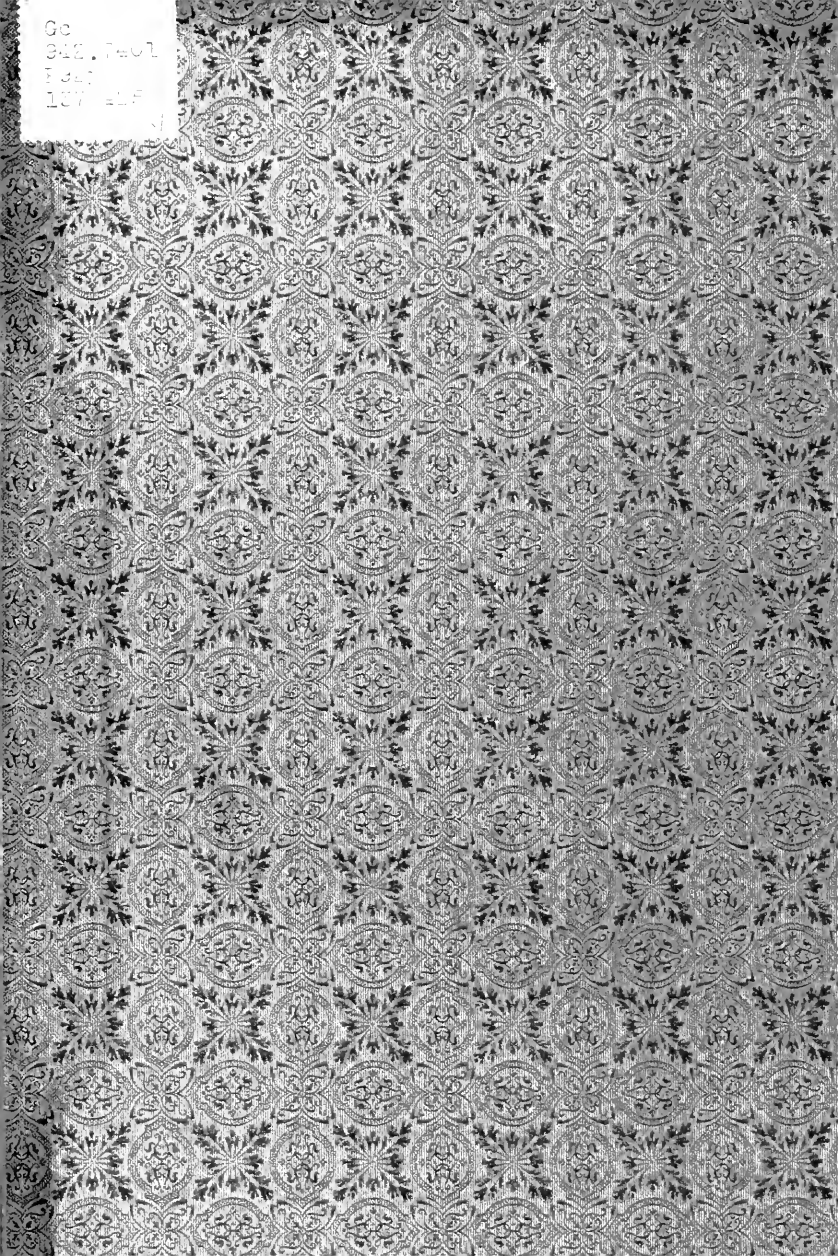


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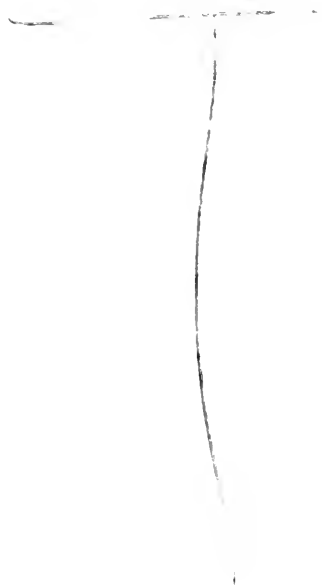
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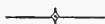






His Grace the Duke of Norfolk, K.G.

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HE Duke of Nortolk is our Premier Earl. He is Hereditary Marshal of England. Even better known were his duties as Postmaster-General. Alike in public and in private his example is *sans reproche*. It is, of course, no light responsibility to preside over such a vast and important department as the Post Office. The phenomenal growth and magnitude of the Postal Service is a fact of which Englishmen have reason to be proud, as attesting in a most remarkable manner the progress and prosperity of the country. The many and complex ramifications of such a service well tested the business abilities and capacity of His Grace, who resigned the Postmaster Generalship during the South African War expressly to go gallantly to the front, and chivalrously help, with many other distinguished Englishmen, to roll back the tide of battle at a supreme crisis in our country's fate. He was one of the gallant force, Regulars and Volunteers, who fought side by side, patient, dogged, cheerful to the last—indomitable and modest, as brave men always are. "Duty nobly done" is rightly the panegyric pronounced upon such superb and self-sacrificing service, while the recognition accorded by a grateful King and Country crystalize and endorse the National tribute. Thus:—

" Not once, nor twice, in our rough island story,
The path of duty was the way to glory."

The Duke of Norfolk has showñ himself alive to the duties of citizenship in a manner very popular with the people of Sheffield, viz., by filling the Mayoralty.

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In Sheffield his Grace is, of course, held in very high regard. His Mayoralty was a memorable one. He stepped on to the civic pedestal with the cordial good-will of every rank and grade of the townspeople. "We are all proud of him," was said of Sir Robert Peel, the Statesman. "We are all proud of him," exactly represents the sentiments of the citizens of Sheffield towards the Duke of Norfolk. On the termination of his Mayoralty the Corporation tangibly showed their appreciation of his Grace's sterling qualities by presenting him with an illuminated address, together with a portrait of himself, while his sister, Lady Mary Howard, who acted as Mayoress, received a valuable set of pearls.

His Grace's happy association with Sheffield is, of course, not confined to the Mayoralty. The *rapport* between the busy Northern City and the Duke is enshrined in many deeds of monumental magnitude. The citizens hold in grateful appreciation the splendid services he has rendered to them as a community, the movements he has directed, and the influence of his chivalrous personality on the fortunes of the City.

His Grace has certainly always endeavoured to adorn the path of life in which fortune has generously placed him. It may truly be said of him that he possesses high principles and the gift of gracious courtesy; and is rarely happier than when trying to be of service to those around him, and in earnestly and actively taking his share in public work. His Grace has never shirked duty, and has always strenuously tried to be faithful to the responsibilities of life. He is, indeed, one of the few of us who carry out Polonius's instructions both in letter and spirit:—

" This above all—to thine own self be true,
And it must follow, **as the** night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

The Duke of Norfolk (Henry Fitzalan Howard, K.G.) is the honoured bearer of several important titles, including those of Earl of Arundel, Surrey, and Norfolk, and Earl and Hereditary Marshal of England. His Grace also

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enjoys the distinction of being the Premier Duke, immediately after the Princes of the Blood Royal, and Premier Earl. He is a Knight, 1st Class, of the Noble Order of Christ. He is a Lieutenant-Colonel 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment, and is highly respected by both his brother officers and the rank and file.

His Grace was born on December 27th, 1847, and married November 21st, 1877, the Lady Flora Paulyna Hetty Barbara Abney Hastings, elder daughter of Charles Frederick, Lord Donington, by his wife Edith, Countess of Loudoun, Baroness Botreaux, Hastings, etc., and by her (who died on April 11th, 1887) the Duke of Norfolk had a son and heir, Philip Joseph Mary, Earl of Arundel and Surrey, born September 7th, 1879, who, we regret to say, died (unmarried) on July 8th, 1902.

Secondly, the noble Duke married February 15th of the year 1904, Gwendolen Mary, elder daughter of the Right Honourable the Lord Herries, of Everingham Park, Yorkshire, and was the recipient of very numerous congratulations from far and wide. A son and daughter have been born to their Graces.



The Rev. the Most Noble Marquis of Normanby, T.L., J.P.

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RESIDING in the midst of his tenants at his ancestral home, Mulgrave Castle, near Whitby, the Rev. Canon Charles Henry Phipps, D.L., J.P., M.A., the third Marquis of Normanby, enjoys the genuine love of all with whom he is associated, either by the ties of friendship, or in any public or philanthropic work in which he engages. He combines, with the true grace of nobility, the position of landlord with that of personal friend, and has ever a ready sympathy for all who need the assistance he is solicitous in placing at their disposal. Little wonder, then, that he is so beloved around the neighbourhood of his home.

Following his natural bent, he chose to enter the Church, of which he is a distinguished ornament. For two years, as a young curate, just ordained, he strove to better know and help his neighbours by accepting a curacy at Lythe, in which parish Mulgrave Castle is situated, and many of the old folk recall those days with happy recollections of all the young Earl and cleric did for them, both in a spiritual and temporal sense. Then for eighteen years he laboured in the parish of Worsley with Ellenbrook, near Manchester, where his name is no less honoured and revered.

Lord Normanby comes of illustrious stock. One of his ancestors, Colonel William Phipps, raised a regiment of horse for Charles I. in the troublous days of the Civil War. Another was the inventor of the diving-bell, and the second Baron of Mulgrave was a Captain in the Royal Navy.

The present holder of the title was born in 1846, and succeeded to the Marquisate and the estate of 8,000 acres in 1890. He then settled down at his ancestral seat at Mulgrave, and for some years carried on a preparatory school for the sons of gentlemen; and some of the scions of the noblest houses in the British Isles there learned to love and reverence their noble

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mentor, whose daily association with them, in their lessons and sports, and in the outdoor training which formed part of the school curriculum, had a great influence on the lives of those youths who were happy to nominate themselves "Mulgravians." The school was discontinued about three years ago.

A memorable day was the occasion of the attainment of his Lordship's fiftieth birthday, for the warmth and enthusiasm of the congratulations, and substantial tokens of love which showered in upon him on all sides, testified to the fact that he held a very cordial corner in the hearts of tenants and neighbours—an outburst only equalled when, in 1893, he brought as a bride to his castle, Miss Gertrude Johnston Foster, of Lincoln Park, Shropshire, a most estimable and charming lady.

Lord Normanby's grandmother enjoyed the closest friendship of the late Queen, by whom he was appointed, in 1891, Canon of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, an appointment which he has just vacated.

In all philanthropic and charitable works in Whitby and neighbourhood, Lord Normanby takes a very active interest. Leaving politics severely alone, he is welcomed in all circles; and the many friends who are his guests at Mulgrave are delighted with the magnificent situation of his home. The grand woods in which the Castle is situated are amongst the finest in England, and the view from the quarter-deck—a level stretch of green sward, with an unrivalled view of the sea, with grand old Whitby Abbey three miles away—was such as to cause Charles Dickens to dance with joy at the aspect. Here it is that Lord Normanby, with his gracious wife, delight to remain, rejoicing in the opportunities that arise for them to do good to their neighbours. Keenly interested in agriculture, as befitting a country landlord, his Lordship strives, by every means in his power, to assist his tenants and neighbours to to turn better account the gifts of nature. The gatherings of tenants at Mulgrave are valued alike by the noble host and his guests; and this is only one of the multitude of ways in which Lord Normanby seeks to foster the happy relations which exist between them.

The Most Noble the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., P.C., G.C.S.I., C.I.E., V.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.



YORKSHIRE is a County of special rural beauty and sylvan charms. Welcome feelings of soothing restfulness are suggested by the sweet Arcadian associations that cling to thousands of acres in this fine shire—a restfulness most grateful to the busy worker in any sphere of human activity. No wonder, then, that so striking and strenuous a personality as the Most Noble the Marquess of Ripon has a special love for Studley Royal, Ripon, his beautiful family seat in Yorkshire.

All classes of residents readily recognise that the County gains in lustre and distinction by numbering within its borders a Statesman of the high rank and calibre of the noble Marquess, who, alike as regards age, experience and fame, has now reached an eminence from which he can survey, as with Asmodean glance, the political, social, religious and intellectual activities of the times. Born in the year 1827, he is a veteran worker in the cause of the people.

The noble Marquess has grown grey in the service of the State. It is refreshing to find that he has not lost his pristine courage and early optimism. He has all a brave man's faith in the future. He believes that the most potent forces in the universe are slowly working out the moral elevation of man. With the late Laureate he cries—

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“Forward, forward let us range
Let the great world spin for ever down the ringing grooves of change.
Thro’ the shadow of the globe we sweep into the younger day,
Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay.”

The stream of progress may seem slow; there may be eddies and back currents arresting its onward flow; the tide at times may recede, but only like the waves of the sea, to rush on in the end with greater volume and force. Lord Ripon reminds us that knowledge no longer dies with its possessors. ‘Each generation passes on to the next the treasures which it inherited, beneficially modified by its own experience, enlarged by the fruits of all the victories which itself has gained.’ A Sage died formerly, and the spark he had lighted was quenched in his grave. A hundred hands now help to feed the flame he has kindled; by the time his fingers have lapsed their grasp, they have tightened theirs upon the lamp he held. “Excelsior,” says the noble Marquess, “is the cry that fills the air.” It is no longer the watchword of dreamers and enthusiasts, but is the belief of all who have faith in the permanent progress of man.

Even those who may not always endorse all Lord Ripon's views, must at least acknowledge that they are the matured conclusions of a Statesman, accustomed by his commanding position, to see life “full orbéd and many tinted,” whose hand, by reason of diverse peoples, and the searchlight of whose patient investigations has penetrated and revealed for the instruction and edification of his countrymen, the strange workings beneath the composite crust of home and foreign politics.

Certainly the services that the noble Marquess has rendered to his Sovereign and Country have been of an exceptionally high order. An ardent Liberal, the Marquess of Ripon has for very many years been a most untiring and devoted political worker. In Yorkshire, in particular, his lordship is held in the highest esteem for his manifold public services, and his conspicuous private and social virtues.

He has, indeed, been characterised as one of the “most devoted political

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workers the present generation has seen." He has a long period of public service behind him; but he is as beneficently active now as ever, and "wearies not in well-doing."

Lord Ripon is an able public speaker and a keen debater, while his long experience of public affairs, and his intimate knowledge of men and of the world, ensure him an appreciative audience wherever and whenever he may choose to give his opinions on public matters.

As already intimated, he has had a long official record. He has been Under-Secretary of State for India and for War; Secretary of State for War; and President of the Council; First Lord of the Admiralty; Chairman of the High Joint-Commission at Washington in 1871; and Viceroy of India, 1880-84. The Marquess of Ripon was Deputy Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, 1869-70, and Grand Master, 1870-74. He was Chief of the Joint High Commission to the United States for arranging the Treaty of Washington, 1871.

For some years the noble Marquess was the Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of Yorkshire, and is still a Deputy Lieutenant and a Magistrate for the West Riding of Yorkshire and for Lincolnshire. He is also Honorary Colonel of the First Battalion West Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers, Lord High Steward of Hull, and President of the Ripon Chamber of Commerce, and Chancellor of the University of Leeds. He was made an Hon. D.C.L. of Oxford, 1870.

It is also interesting to record that the noble marquess has occupied the position of Mayor of Ripon, fulfilling his duties to the joyous satisfaction of the inhabitants as a whole, and winning golden opinions from all quarters. His kindness and liberality were unbounded (as they always have been, and still are), and his Lordship's Mayoralty is not likely to be soon forgotten. Throughout Yorkshire, indeed, his popularity is immense, for his unflinching courtesy and geniality make him friends wherever he goes.

He is a large landowner; takes a deep interest in all agricultural matters, and enjoys the reputation of being a most sympathetic and generous landlord

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In 1851, the noble Marquess married Henrietta Anne Theodosia (M.C.I.) --late Lady of the Bedchamber to the Princess of Wales--eldest daughter of the late Henry Vyner, Esq., and has one son, Frederick Oliver, Earl de Grey, his heir.

The seats of the Marquess are Studley Royal, Ripon, Yorkshire, and Nocton Hall, Lincoln; while his magnificent town residence is situate at 9, Chelsea Embankment, S.W., and his clubs are the Athenæum, Reform, Brooks, Travellers', United Service, Burlington and Yorkshire.

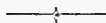




The Right Hon. the Earl of Harewood.

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(Lord-Lieutenant of the West Riding).



THROUGHOUT Yorkshire the name of the Right Honourable the Earl of Harewood is a household word, and is never mentioned but with genuine respect and pride. For not only has his lordship most worthily fulfilled his duties and responsibilities as a distinguished Yorkshire nobleman, but he has also proved himself to be a really brilliant ornament of his order. He has for many years taken a deep interest in nearly every important and deserving County movement in Yorkshire, and has been, as he still is, an open-handed benefactor of almost every good work and meritorious cause in his own neighbourhood, his lordship's beautiful ancestral home being Harewood House, near Leeds. He is pre-eminently possessed of a high sense of honour and duty; and if ever the noble Earl has erred at all it has certainly been on the side of leniency and generosity.

Since 1904 he has held the important position of Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding of Yorkshire, and it is no exaggeration to say that no one could possibly have carried out the duties with greater ability and satisfaction.

The Earl of Harewood (Henry Ulick Lascelles) is the 5th holder of the title (1812, U.K.), being the eldest son of the 4th Earl, who died in 1892. The present Earl was born in 1846, and married in 1881, Lady Florence, daughter of the 3rd Earl of Bradford. He has been Captain of the Grenadier Guards, and Lieut-Colonel of the Yorkshire Hussars Imperial Yeomanry (1881-98),

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and Honorary Colonel since 1890. His lordship was A.D.C. to the late Queen Victoria from 1897 to 1901, and since then has occupied a similar high position to his Majesty, King Edward VII.

It need scarcely be said that the noble Earl is a considerable landowner, and a keen agriculturist, whilst he owns valuable plantations abroad. He is justly considered a model landlord, and is held in genuine esteem by all his tenants. He is, too, a very ardent sportsman; is well-known in turf circles, and has generally been very fairly successful with his horses; while hunting, shooting, yachting, and music are his favourite pastimes. He is a regular supporter of the Opera at Covent Garden, and does all in his power to foster the love of music among the people, especially in his own neighbourhood, as Leeds citizens well know.

The noble Earl has travelled extensively; and it is pleasing to record that in all his many public, social and philanthropic duties he has had the cordial support of his estimable consort, the Countess of Harewood, who is also widely esteemed by rich and poor alike. As a matter of historic interest we may mention that the Earl and Countess had the honour of entertaining Their Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, with Princess Victoria and Suite, at Harewood House, Leeds, early last month (July, 1908), upon the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to Leeds to open the beautiful new University Buildings in that City, and to perform other felicitous public functions, when the King and Queen and their distinguished host and hostess met with a particularly cordial and enthusiastic reception. Harewood House is celebrated for its fine pictures and rare and valuable contents generally; and the Royal party were delighted with their stay at this historic home.

Lord Harewood's Town house is 13, Upper Belgrave Street, S.W., and his club the Carlton.



The Rt Hon the Earl of Dartmouth, P.C.

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HE name of the Earl of Dartmouth is one that is thoroughly well-known and very highly respected both in Yorkshire and for many miles around Wolverhampton, near which (at Patshull House) he now principally resides. His lordship has passed a career of singular usefulness and activity, and has proved himself a worthy inheritor of the family title and estates.

As Lord Lewisham, he was for some years a prominent figure in political and Parliamentary circles, having been M.P. for West Kent from 1878 to 1885, and for Lewisham from 1885 to 1891. Always an active Conservative, the noble Lord has rendered most valuable services to the Constitutional Party, and was for some time one of the Conservative Whips in the House of Commons. In this direction in particular, he won golden opinions from his party for the diligence, tact and grace with which he carried out the duties of an admittedly responsible and trying post.

His Lordship has frequently taken part in Yorkshire political and social gatherings, and his presence is always cordially welcomed. He has the happy knack of infusing interest and enthusiasm into a subject, and of quickly gaining the attention, and often the warm sympathies of his audience. Of the noble Earl's integrity of purpose and splendid loyalty to his conscience no one would even utter a doubt. He is a shrewd student of the times, a careful observer, and an extensive reader. His knowledge is deep and varied, and his judgment essentially sound. Indeed, Lord Dartmouth is a very

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capable and cultured nobleman, and his presence is valued in County circles as imparting tone and eclat to any gathering graced by his quiet dignity and magnetic influence, while his kindly ways and generous instincts have rightly won for him friends innumerable.

No personal considerations have ever weighed with Lord Dartmouth in the discharge of his public duties, and all through he has been actuated by the loftiest motives, and the one desire to study the best interests of the country in general. This, no doubt, largely explains the very cordial esteem entertained by all classes alike for his lordship, whose popularity is unquestioned.

Being a large landowner, the noble Earl naturally takes a very deep interest in matters agricultural. He is distinctly sympathetic towards his tenants, and bears a good reputation as a landlord, the best of relationships existing on both sides.

His Lordship is Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of Staffordshire; Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household, 1885 and 1886 to 1891; and is an Hon. Colonel First Volunteer Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment, and Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire since 1893. He was born May 6th, 1851, and married December 18th, 1879, Lady Mary Coke, fourth daughter of the Earl of Leicester, by whom he has had three sons and two daughters. The Earl of Dartmouth is the descendant of a very ancient family, and is himself a most worthy and popular representative of it.

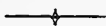
His Lordship's seats are Woodsome Hall, near Huddersfield; Sandwell Park, near Birmingham, and Patshull House, Wolverhampton. His clubs are the Carlton and the Travellers'.

As will have been gathered from what we have already written the noble Earl has led a very busy and a very useful life; and his incessant labour in the sphere of charity and philanthropy have proved to demonstrate that he is a Nobleman of wide views and generous sympathies.



The Right Hon. the Earl Fitzwilliam, D.S.O.

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HERE are few noblemen in Yorkshire more esteemed, or more popular, than the Right Honourable the Earl Fitzwilliam, D.S.O., whose principal seat in the County is Wentworth Woodhouse, Rotheram—a famous and historic domain. Here hospitality is dispensed with an open hand; while those engaged upon the vast estate are looked after with a kindly thought and care deserving of all commendation. Indeed, it may be correctly stated of the noble Earl that he is rarely happier than when trying to be of service to those around him, and in earnestly endeavouring to be faithful to the responsibilities of his high and very affluent position. Certainly he has never shirked duty, and has always aimed to adorn the path of life in which fortune has so generously placed him.

As is well known, Earl Fitzwilliam is a very large landowner, possessing many thousands of acres, and naturally takes a deep interest in all agricultural matters. He is considered a model landlord, and is held in the warmest regard by his numerous tenants. His lordship is also a very extensive colliery proprietor.

In politics Earl Fitzwilliam is a strong Liberal Unionist, but whilst supporting that which he considers to be right and just, and thoroughly outspoken in controversy, he is never bigoted or autocratic, and, in addition to treating those who may differ from him on any point with studied courtesy, he takes care never to say anything that would leave room for anyone to question the sincerity of his convictions. Albeit a Liberal Unionist, his lordship

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believes in National progress so long as it proceeds on sound Constitutional lines; but he would have no political tinkering with the Empire, strongly believing as he does in the familiar old adage that "Unity is Strength."

The distinguished subject of this sketch is the seventh Earl, and grandson of the sixth. He was born July 25th, 1872; succeeded 1902; and married, in 1896, Lady Frederica Elizabeth Dundas, daughter of the first Marquis of Zetland¹

Lord Fitzwilliam is Hon. Major 4th Battalion Oxfordshire Light Infantry Militia, and served on the Headquarters Staff, South Africa, 1900. Formerly A.D.C. to the Viceroy of India (the Marquis of Lansdowne), his lordship was M.P. for Wakefield, as Viscount Milton, 1895-1902, and was a County Councillor, and D.L. and J.P. for County Wicklow. He is Treasurer of the Liberal Unionist Association; and in the way of recreation, the noble Earl is very devoted to hunting, shooting, and yachting, in all of which he excels.

Though not in the regular army, his lordship has seen a good deal of service as well as active service; is a good engineer, and has some knowledge of mining engineering. Lord Fitzwilliam is a large coal owner, and works several of his collieries himself, being the largest private proprietor who works his own minerals in the country. He is much interested in Commerce, being on the directorate of several first-class concerns.

His seats are: Wentworth Woodhouse, Rotherham; Edonthorpe Hall, Doncaster; the Lodge, Malton, Yorkshire; Collattin, Shillelagh, and Carnew Castle, County Wicklow; also Cantley Hall, Doncaster, and Eastcliffe, Bembridge, Isle of Wight; while the Earl's town house is 4, Grosvenor Square, W.



*The Right Hon. the Earl of Rosse, K.P., F.R.S., D.C.L.,
LL.D., J.P.*

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LIKE many influential and wealthy nobleman, the Right Honourable the Earl of Rosse (Laurence Parsons), K.P., F.R.S., D.C.L., LL.D., J.P., the subject of this sketch, whose portrait is attached, is a large landed proprietor and magnate in at least two Counties, Yorkshire and King's County, Ireland, in each of which his lordship is the proud possessor of a stately and beautiful home. In Yorkshire his lordship's wife, Lady Rosse, has a delightful seat at Womersley Park, near Pontefract, while the noble Earl himself has a nice property, Heaton Hall, near Bradford, besides owning in King's County a lovely ancestral home known as Birr Castle, rich in historical incident.

Fully conscious of the duties and obligations of his great position and influence, the Earl of Rosse has never been one to shirk legitimate responsibility, and has always been willing to be of service to those around him where and when he has considered it merited, while it can be quite correctly said that his lordship has repeatedly proved himself to be a generous friend to more than one deserving cause both in and out of the two important Counties with which his name is so powerfully associated.

Although ordinary public and political life has no very great attraction for his lordship he, nevertheless, is "never wanting where duty calls," and whenever he does take part in any public business he does so thoroughly and conscientiously; and his presence is always welcomed as lending additional grace and weight to the proceedings. The noble Earl has his own matured and

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unbiased opinions on all the great questions of the day, and when occasion arises he is never afraid to express them frankly and fearlessly. He is dignified and impressive in debate, if not always convincing, and is invariably sure of a most attentive hearing, although his lordship now very rarely takes part in debates in the House of Lords.

Lord Rosse's principal pleasure, however, is undoubtedly centred in scientific, literary and other high intellectual pursuits, in more than one of which he personally excels to a distinguished degree, as is testified by the fact that he is honoured with the coveted distinctions of F.R.S., D.C.L., LL.D., etc., while he also occupies the important position of Chancellor of the University of Dublin, and was President of the Royal Dublin Society, 1887-92; and President of the Royal Irish Academy from 1895 until 1900.

The noble Earl is the 4th holder of the title, and is descended of a brilliant ancestry, various members of which have conspicuously distinguished themselves in either scientific, literary, political or military matters; and here it may be very appropriately mentioned as a subject of particular interest that William, the 3rd Earl, K.P., was M.P. for King's County from 1821 until 1834, and became a Representative Peer in 1845. He, too, was also President of the Royal Society and Chancellor of Dublin University, and erected a Telescope on his estate at Parsonstown which was seventeen years in being erected and at an expenditure which exceeded £20,000.

The present Earl (an Irish Peer) was born in 1840, and is the eldest son of the 3rd Earl, who died in 1867; our noble subject was educated at Trinity College, Dublin; and married in 1870 the Honourable Frances Cassandra, only child of the 4th Baron Hawke.

Lord Rosse is a J.P. for the West Riding of Yorkshire, and also for County Tipperary and King's County, for which latter he was High Sheriff in 1867, and has been the Lord Lieutenant since 1892.

It is pleasing to record that the noble Earl enjoys the reputation of being an excellent landlord, and of being one of the kindest and most considerate of men, performing many a courteous, gentle and generous action without

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letting his left hand know what his right is doing. His career has most certainly been one of singular usefulness and activity, and the lustre and value of his lordship's services to his Sovereign and to the community in general, especially amongst those with whom he more intimately lives and moves, well deserve all the praise and recognition gratefully bestowed upon them.

As a landlord, as an agriculturist, as a County leader, and as a nobleman, the Earl of Rosse decidedly sets a very laudable example—an example which vividly and pleasantly illustrate the truth of the eulogy of the Continental writer who averred that "if you are acquainted with the British Nobility you know it is the most enlightened, the best educated, the wisest and bravest in Europe."

The Earl of Rosse's heir is his eldest son, Lord Oxmantown, who is also a brilliant and popular nobleman; he has been Captain in the Irish Guards since 1900, and served in the South African War, 1899-90.

We may add that the Earl's clubs are the Athenæum, the Carlton, and Kildare Street (Dublin).



The Right Hon. the Earl Cathcart, D.L., J.P.



THE Right Honourable the Earl Cathcart, who is the 4th holder of the title, is a prominent personage in North Yorkshire, and is a D.L. and J.P. for that Riding. He also owns an estate at Thornton-le-Street, near Thirsk, and his Lordship deservedly has the reputation of being a very kind and sympathetic landlord, for he attends, as much as he consistently can, to the wants and wishes of his tenants, by whom he is held in great respect.

Agreeable and courtly, all that Earl Cathcart does is well done, for there is nothing halting or half-hearted about him. He is possessed of sound judgment, and has his own views and ideas of things, and is never afraid to make them known, yet he is happily one of the too few men who have learnt that to love any political or other principles need not be tantamount to, or entail, entertaining feelings of keen spleen against those of an opposite school of thought. The noble Earl is, indeed, liberal-minded, and has a befitting respect for the views of others. He consequently is held in deep and sincere regard, which is the better understood when one remembers the estimable qualities he possesses, and how well and worthy his Lordship has endeavoured to maintain unsullied the brilliant escutcheon of his distinguished House.

Fully conscious of the duties and obligations of his great influence and high social position, Earl Cathcart has never been one to shirk legitimate responsibility in any shape or form, and has always been willing to be of service to those around him where and when he has considered it deserving;

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while his Lordship has, in a quiet, unostentatious way, repeatedly proved himself to be a generous friend to more than one good cause. He has a rigid sense of honour, and is scrupulously straightforward in all he says and does, being a typical English nobleman in every respect.

His Lordship was born in 1856, being the eldest son of the 3rd Earl (who died in 1905), and is unmarried.

Military matters have had a strong attraction and interest for Lord Cathcart, and from 1877 to 1879 he was Lieutenant in the Carabiniers, while from 1879 to 1881 he was Lieutenant in the Scots Guards.

His Lordship's Town house is 49a Pall Mall, and his club the Carlton.



The Rt. Hon. the Earl de Grey, D.L., J.P.,
K.C.V.O.



ORKSHIRE is rich in the possession of distinguished Noblemen, and among the number prominently stands out the name of the Right Honourable the Earl de Grey, D.L., J.P., K.C.V.O., who is, as is generally known, the eldest son of the Most Noble the Marquis of Ripon, K.G.

The career of the Earl De Grey has been one alike of singular interest and usefulness, and he certainly has always fulfilled his private and official duties with characteristic efficiency and courtly grace. Liberal-minded, kind-hearted, and shrewd, his Lordship is absolutely thorough in all he undertakes; and this, combined with his ready tact and cordial manner, has won for him the high respect and esteem of friends innumerable.

His lordship is naturally much attached to his native County, and takes a deep interest in all Yorkshire matters. He is a D.L. and J.P. for both the North and West Ridings, and sat as Liberal M.P. for Ripon from 1874 till 1880. He has, too, rendered very useful services in connection with the auxiliary forces—an arm that has more than justified its existence by the brilliant account it has given of itself in the South African Campaign; for Earl de Grey has done much towards bringing the 27th West Riding Volunteers (of which he is Captain) up to their present state of efficiency, and has always been a most respected and valued officer.

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As a sportsman, the noble Earl stands high indeed, and can justly claim a remarkable record. His skill and popularity in this respect are well known and most marked. Shooting is undoubtedly the acme of his sporting accomplishments, and the amount of game his gun has been responsible for is truly wonderful, for his lordship is a swift and unerring shot, and has but few rivals in this or any other country. He has travelled extensively, and has done much big game shooting abroad; while, as already stated, his shooting achievements at home stand almost unrivalled. Holding with Dryden that it is—

Better to search the hills for health unbought
Than pay a doctor for a noxious draught,

his lordship's hearty support of field sports show that when the time of recreation comes he remembers the sage old saying, *Festina lente*, and recognises the policy of kneading one's days with a little leisure. Wise, indeed, is the man who acknowledges the hygienic worth of national recreation, who will have no part with the mournful philosophers who, by blotting out healthy pastimes, would "Take spring from nature and youth from human life."

Born in 1852, Earl de Grey married, in 1885, Constance Gladys, youngest daughter of the 1st Baron Herbert of Lea, and sister of the 13th Earl of Pembroke, and widow of the 4th Earl of Lonsdale.

His lordship is *persona grata* with Royalty, and has held since 1901 the high and responsible position of Treasurer of Queen Alexandra's Household.

The noble Earl's residences are Studley Royal, Ripon, Yorks, and Coombe Court, Kingston Hill, Surrey, where he possesses a very famous collection of china, and has frequently entertained Royalty.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Ronaldshay, M.P., J.P.



HE Earl of Ronaldshay is the second, but the eldest surviving son and heir of the first Marquess of Zetland, of Aske Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire. Like his father, the Earl has had a very distinguished career.

Born thirty-one years ago, he was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge, and immediately on leaving the University he commenced to travel. He spent some months in Ceylon and two years in India, where he studied the Native and Imperial questions thoroughly.

Prior to his return home the noble Earl spent a year in Persia, and has since written a book "On the Outskirts of Empire in Asia," which was published in 1904. The book embodies his experiences in a journey across Asia from Constantinople to Peking, undertaken in 1903, more than two years after leaving the Viceroy's staff in India, where his Lordship was A.D.C. to His Excellency

The Earl of Ronaldshay is a Captain of the 1st North Riding of Yorkshire Volunteer Artillery, to which duties he attends assiduously. He is a keen sportsman, and promises to be an equally keen politician. Those who know him best assert that he has a great political future before him. Had there been the necessity for fighting his way in the world he would certainly have made his mark; though a coronet may rob him of the pleasures of many

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victories, nothing can render him futile in the world, for his Lordship is a broad thinker, and a vigorous participant in anything he undertakes.

He married on December 3rd of the year 1907, Miss Cecily Archdale, and the event was the occasion of many rejoicings in Yorkshire, including a big and brilliant ball at Aske Hall



The Right Rev. George Rodney Eden, D.D., Lord Bishop of Wakefield.

IF it be possible for a Bishop to reach the Apostolic ideal of blamelessness, that ideal has been attained in a very high degree by Bishop Rodney Eden, of Wakefield. His ten years' Episcopate has been characterised by an activity, devotion and success, extremely rare, even in these days of persistent prelatical progressiveness. Possessed of those peculiar traits of character and charms of manner that made his predecessor, the late sainted Bishop Walsham How, beloved by all who knew him, Dr. Eden has, by his approachableness, bonhomie, and broadminded sympathies, endeared himself to all with whom he came into contact.

Bishop George Rodney Eden is son of the late Canon Eden, Rector of Sedgfield, Durham, by Catherine Frances, daughter of the late Colonel Stobart, of Darlington, was born in 1853, and was educated successively at Richmond College, Yorkshire, Reading School, and Pembroke College, Cambridge. At the latter he graduated B.A. in 1878, securing second class in the Classical Tripos, and carrying off also the Carus Greek Testament Prize. Proceeding to M.A. in 1879, and securing *ad eundem* M.A. at Durham in the same year, the degree of D.D. *jure dignitas* was conferred upon him two years later.

Ordained Deacon in 1878, and Priest the following year, he officiated successively as Assistant Master at Aysgarth School, Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Durham (under the eminent Dr. Lightfoot), and Vicar of

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Bishop Auckland (1883-90), being also a Rural Dean during the latter three years of his vicariate. He had also the distinction of being selected preacher at Cambridge University in 1886, 1890, 1892, and 1894 respectively; also at Oxford in 1899 and 1900. Being appointed Suffragan Bishop of Dover on the 18th October, 1890, he also held the joint appointments of Canon and Archdeacon of Canterbury, and Chaplain to the Cinque Ports until his translation to the See of Wakefield, in succession to the late Dr. Walsham How, in the autumn of 1897.

Himself catholic-minded in the strictest sense of the term, he seeks to encourage in others the spirit of the maxim, *Medio tutissimus ibis*. When dealing with controversial subjects his own favourite motto is:—"In things essential, unity; in things non-essential, liberty; and in all things, charity."

A preacher of rare eloquence and power, he nevertheless studiously cultivates a style of the severest simplicity. He never affects subtlety of thought or nicety of expression; but with a fine command of simple, telling language he drives home with effect the vital truths which he wishes to impart.

In 1889 he was fortunate in contracting an eminently felicitous marriage with Constance Margaret, daughter of the late Canon Henry Ellison, Honorary Canon of Canterbury, and Chaplain in Ordinary to Queen Victoria, the great temperance advocate who founded the Church of England Temperance Society, which Society has to-day no warmer supporter than Bishop Eden himself. Not only did she prove a model wife, but in Wakefield especially did she display the liveliest interest in the work of the Diocese, seconding in many ways the labours of the Bishop in a manner which only a good woman can; and thus she soon came to be recognised as a veritable "Mother in Israel." To the deepest regret of all who in any sphere of life knew her, this estimable lady died on the 24th of August, 1906.



The Right Hon. Lord Ribblesdale, P.C., J.P.

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LORD RIBBLESDALE, Chief Government Whip in the House of Lords, is essentially a sporting Peer. The baronetcy was created exactly 110 years ago, and the present popular holder of the title was the eldest son of the third Baron, who died in 1876. Born in 1854, the present Peer married when twenty-three years of age, Charlotte, daughter of Sir Charles Tennant.

Lord Ribblesdale has played a leading part in public and national affairs. From 1874 to 1886 he served in the Rifle Brigade at home, with the rank of Captain; a Lord-in-Waiting to Queen Victoria from 1880 to 1885; and Master of the Buckhounds from 1892 to 1895. The success with which he conducted the Royal Buckhounds in the late Queen's reign is still well remembered.

Most Yorkshire Peers inherit sporting instincts very strongly, but few more so than Lord Ribblesdale. He is extremely fond of hunting, and a better judge of horse and hound it would be difficult to find.

His Lordship has also played a conspicuous part in the world of politics. Since 1898 he has been Chief Liberal Whip in the House of Lords, and has been President of the National Reform Union, an Alderman of the London County Council, and President of the Skipton Liberal Association. At times he can play the role of the candid critic, and sincerity is obvious in all he does. Immediately before the recent London County Council election Lord Ribblesdale made some rather critical observations on the Progressive Council

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in the House of Commons. He said he thought the Government were afraid of the London County Council.

It is just as well for English politics that a leading individual will throw aside party consideration when the occasion demands it, and will act according to the dictates of his conscience and judgment. When the heat of the moment is over people admire him for his courageous conduct. Lord Ribblesdale is a nobleman of this kind in the Liberal ranks, and seems to be something approaching the counterpart of the famous Lord Charles Beresford, who was never afraid of criticising his Conservative colleagues if they offended his conscientious scruples. Such actions make for the purity of party politics; and a figurative "thorn in the side" sometimes serves to remind us that we have all erred and strayed from the path of duty.

Lord Ribblesdale has a pretty place at Gisburne Park, near Clitheroe, and is a Justice of the Peace for the West Riding. His town house is 32, Green Street, Park Lane, W., and his clubs the Turf and Brooks's.



The Right Hon. the Lord Wenlock, P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., K.C.B.

ONE of the best known and highly esteemed Yorkshire noblemen is the Right Honourable the Lord Wenlock (Beilby Lamley). Like other County Peers who are landowners, he has for the greater part of his life been intimately connected with and interested in agricultural matters. For a long period he has been a member of the Royal and the Yorkshire Agricultural Societies, and has acted on the Council of both bodies. His Lordship joined the Yorkshire Agricultural Society just over a quarter of a century ago, and has filled the office of President. He is also on the Council of the Dairy Farmers' Association and the Hunters' Improvement Society.

Lord Wenlock has taken a great interest in the movement for agricultural co-operation, and has for some sixteen years carried on a creamery and dairy factory at Eserick. For twenty-seven years his Lordship has devoted himself to the improvement of the farm buildings on his estate. He has done a great deal of building, and repairing, and renovation of farm houses, and has erected numerous labourers' cottages, being a firm believer in the policy of keeping the people on the land. At the same time he quite appreciates the difficulties of the task, and fully recognises the strength of the tendencies drawing our rural population towards the towns and the great industrial centres. In many ways Lord Wenlock is an ideal landlord, and is greatly beloved by his tenantry. His Lordship has always been deeply interested in sport, and at one time was one of the best shots in England. For many

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years he acted as President of the Yorkshire Gentlemen's Cricket Club, and has also been Chairman of the York and County Hunt Committee.

Lord Wenlock has played some little part in the world of politics. In 1860 he was elected M.P. for Chester in the Liberal interest, but had the misfortune to be unseated on petition. When Mr. Gladstone declared for Home Rule he changed sides, and ever since has been staunch and true to the Unionist cause. His Lordship is the third Baron Wenlock, and succeeded his father in the title in 1880. He was born exactly fifty-eight years ago, and in 1872 married Lady Constance, daughter of the fourth Earl of Harewood. Lord Wenlock has played a conspicuous part in the Volunteer movement in Yorkshire, having been Honorary Major in the Yorkshire Hussars Yeomanry, Honorary Colonel of the 2nd East Riding of Yorkshire Royal Garrison Artillery, and is still Honorary Colonel of the East Riding Imperial Yeomanry.

From 1891 to 1896 his Lordship was Governor of Madras, and the great reception accorded to him by his tenantry and neighbours on his return is still an event to be remembered. Since 1901 he has had the honour to hold the position of Lord of the Bedchamber to the Prince of Wales. Lord Wenlock has taken his share in the management of county affairs. He is a Justice of the Peace for the North and East Ridings, and a member of the East Riding County Council. He is also Chairman of the Yorkshire Fire and Life Insurance Company, and a Director of the North Eastern Railway Company.

Eseric Park, situate some six miles from York, is a most charming place, and once a year when Lord Wenlock allows the villagers to hold their annual show in his grounds, scores of people from York seize upon the opportunity to view the well-kept demesne. His Lordship's town house is 26, Portland Place, W.; and his club Brooks's.

Lord Wenlock was made P.C. in 1901; G.C.S.I. in 1896; G.C.I.E. in 1891; and K.C.B. in 1901.

The Right Honourable Lord Herries, (Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding.)

LORD HERRIES, the Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire and of the Stewardcy of Kirkcudbright, is a descendant of a distinguished line of Scottish ancestry. The title goes back to the fifteenth century, Herbert Herries being created the first Scottish Baron by James IV. in 1490. The seventh Lord became by his mother's marriage, third Earl of Nithsdale, but the ninth Baron, and the fifth Earl forfeited both his honours on being taken prisoner at Preston Pans in 1715. Like a few more noblemen of his day, he threw in his lot with bonnie Prince Charlie and elected to wear the white cockade. He suffered severely for his partiality for the Stewarts, and would have been executed but for the aid of his wife in effecting his escape from the Tower. The Earldom lapsed altogether, but the Barony was revived by decision of the House of Lords in 1858, when William Constable-Maxwell was awarded the title. Female succession had changed the surname from Herries to Maxwell, and finally it assumed the present compound form.

Marmaduke Francis Constable-Maxwell was born in 1837, and succeeded to the estates thirty-one years ago. In 1875, he married the Honourable Angela Mary Charlotte Fitzalan Howard, daughter of the first Baron Howard of Glossop, and in 1884 was created an imperial Baron. Like many more of the nobility of Yorkshire, Lord Herries has devoted much of his time in promoting interests of Agriculture. He is an ex-President of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society, having held that office during 1905, which was marked by

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the successful Hull show. His lordship takes a close interest in all agricultural affairs, and devotes a great deal of personal attention to the management of the Home Farm at Everingham Park, which is of considerable extent, and an excellent example of first-rate farming practice. Lord Herries is a strong advocate for a fair proportion of small holdings in every parish, and on his own estate there are very few cottages to which land is not attached.

His lordship has long been an ardent supporter of the Volunteer movement, and was a captain in the Yorkshire Hussars from 1871 to 1881. In 1903 he became Honorary Colonel of the East Riding Imperial Yeomanry, a post which he still retains.

As a member of the East Riding County Council, the noble lord has paid close and earnest attention to administrative work, and as a landowner is held in high esteem by his tenantry. He is a Deputy Lieutenant for County Dumfries. His Scottish seat is Kinharvie New Abbey, Kirkcudbrightshire.



The Right Honourable Lord Middleton.

ONE of the best known agriculturists in the United Kingdom is Lord Middleton, whose Yorkshire seat is Birdsall House, near Malton. He has filled the Presidential chair in connection with the Royal Agricultural Society, the Yorkshire Agricultural Society, the Shire Horse Society; etc., etc., and this year ('08) of the Shorthorn Society; while as a breeder of stock his Lordship has achieved considerable success. Indeed, the Birdsall breeds of Shire horses and cattle have obtained almost world-wide celebrity. When President of the Shire Horse Society in 1900, Lord Middleton had also the satisfaction of being the owner of the great Shire horse "Menestrel." He takes a personal interest in all his stock and possesses a thorough knowledge of the breeding thereof. Lord Middleton breeds the whole of his hunters, which are chiefly thoroughbred, or "cocktail," keeping three or four thoroughbred sires for his own use and that of the country around.

He farms a large acreage in England and also in the West Highlands of Scotland, where the fold of Highland cattle dated back to the days of the Mackenzies of Applecross, and the breed of Highland ponies is carefully kept up.

Digby Wentworth Bayard is the ninth Baron Middleton. Born 63 years ago, he succeeded to the title on the death of his father in 1877. He joined the Scots Fusilier Guards in 1864, and left as a Captain late in 1869.

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In 1869 Lord Middleton married Eliza Maria, daughter of Sir Alexander Penrose Gordon-Cumming.

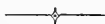
The Willoughbys are an historic family, Lord Middleton representing the male line of the Willoughby d'Eresby family, of whom Sir Percival Willoughby marrying (tempus Elizabeth) Bridget, daughter and heir of Sir Francis Willoughby, of Wollaton (Co. Notts), united the two families. Sir Thomas Willoughby, the second Baronet, was M.P. in six different Parliaments, and was made first Baron Middleton in 1711. Lord Middleton is a J.P. for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire and a Deputy Lieutenant for Notts and Ross-shire; Alderman of the East Riding County Council; and has been for thirty-nine years—Major, then C. Officer, and finally Honorary Colonel of the 1st E.C.G.A. Volunteers.

Lord Middleton is a staunch supporter of the Conservative and Constitutional cause, and has been for over twenty years President of the Buckrose Conservative Association. It is, however, as a sportsman and an agriculturist that he is best known; was appointed in 1903 by the King a member of the Royal Commission on Horse Breeding, is a Master of as grand a pack of hounds as ever hunted a fox, and as a judge of horse and hounds stands unrivalled.

Lord Middleton is one of the large landowners of the country. In addition to Birdsall, Settrington, in Yorkshire, belongs to him, whilst he also owns Wollaton, near Nottingham, and estates in Warwickshire and Lincolnshire. His most beautiful estate, however, is Applecross, on the West Coast of Ross-shire, where the property, with deer forest, extends to over no less than 70,000 acres. It is romantically situated, and the scenery is very fine.

The Carlton and the Junior Carlton are his Lordship's clubs.

The Right Hon The Viscount Mountgarret, J.P., D.L.



BORN sixty-three years ago, Henry Edmund Butler, fourteenth Viscount Mountgarret, exercises a great local influence upon the agricultural classes surrounding his extensive Demesne, which covers about 14,700 acres. He is greatly beloved by his dependants, whose welfare he has deeply at heart.

Viscount Mountgarret takes a great pride in his Nidd Hall estates at Ripley, and devotes a lot of his time to County affairs. He is possessed of a domestic rather than an Imperial temperament, though he has travelled much, and has an estate at Ballycoura, Kilkenny, derived through the third Viscount, who commanded the forces in Ireland in 1642.

Lord Mountgarret also owns an estate at Pateley Bridge, called Eagle Hall. The tenants of his estates have every reason to be satisfied with their kindly landlord, for he takes a great practical interest in their prosperity.

In politics he is a staunch Conservative, and in Imperial affairs he is distinctly inclined to the economical side, and cries a "go easy" when others are for too rapid development, but this does not operate against his views of steady progress.

Viscount Mountgarret's first wife was Mary Eleanor, daughter of St. John Charlton, Esq., of Apley Castle, Shropshire, who died in the year 1900, and in whose memory Viscount Mountgarrett erected a number of almshouses in Nidd. In 1902 he married Robinia Marion, daughter of Colonel E. H. Henning-Lee, of Bighton Manor, Alresford, Hants.

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He and his charming wife are a social power, which they are always ready to exercise in some charitable cause. Viscount Mountgarret is actively interested in the Harrogate Infirmary, on behalf of which institution he is never tired of finding ways and means of augmenting the treasury. He has also built an Institute for reading and recreation purposes at Nidd.

As a platform speaker, his Lordship is of a light turn of mind, and keeps his audience vastly amused whilst he inculcates his doctrines.

He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, and his heir is his son, the Hon. Edmund S. Butler. The noble Lord's clubs are Brooks's, Windham, and Wellington.

He is a J.P. of the Riding, and represents Ripon on the County Council.



The Right Hon. the Lord Derwent.

LORD DERWENT, whose country seat is Hackness Hall, near Scarborough, is now in his seventy-ninth year, having been born on the 3rd of January, 1829. Better known to a past generation than the present one. Lord Derwent's career is one which shows how the aristocracy of England, who chose to lead an active life can lend themselves to the services of their fellow-men.

Lord Derwent was raised to the peerage in 1881, but it was as Sir Harcourt Johnstone that he came most prominently before the public. He succeeded to the title and estates on the death of his father, Sir John Johnstone, in 1869, being the third Baronet of the line. For many years Sir Harcourt Vanden-Bempole-Johnstone—to give him his full title before being raised to the peerage—was a well-known figure in the public life of Scarborough, and in the county he also occupied a position of great influence.

For thirteen years—from 1869 to 1882—he held the office of Chairman of the Scarborough Board of Guardians, for nine years he was Chairman of the Highway Board, and at various times he has filled the posts of Chairman of the Scarborough Sea Bathing Infirmary, Chairman of the North Eastern Bank, Newcastle, and Vice-Chairman of the North-Eastern Railway Company.

A man with sound business instincts, Sir Harcourt Johnstone brought to bear on all his public work a fine sense of duty. Although his life was a busy one he was very regular and punctual in his attendance at meetings, and was thoroughly imbued with the spirit that anything which was worth

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doing was worth doing well. He won in those early days, and has retained ever since, the respect and esteem of all sections of the community.

In political life, Lord Derwent is as thoroughly respected by opponents as by friends. Sir Harcourt represented Scarborough in the House of Commons from 1869 to 1880. He took his father's seat at a contest, and his popularity may be inferred from the fact that owing to a split in the Liberal ranks in 1874, which led to them running three candidates for two seats, Sir Harcourt was returned along with a Conservative, the figures being:—

Sir Charles Legard (C.)	...	...	...	...	1,280
Sir Harcourt Johnstone (L.)	...	...	...	...	1,103
John D. Dent, Esq., (L.)	...	...	...	...	799
Professor E. Thorold Rogers (L.)	...	...	...	...	772

By 1880 the local District Party had patched up their differences by adopting two somewhat dissimilar characters as Sir Harcourt Johnstone and the late Mr. W. S. Caine as their champions, and the Conservatives were ousted, Sir Harcourt Johnstone heading the poll, as follows:—

Sir Harcourt Johnstone (L.)	...	...	...	...	2,157
W. S. Caine (L.)	...	...	...	...	2,065
Lieutenant-Colonel Fife-Cookson (C.)	...	...	...	...	1,581
Sir Charles Legard (C.)	...	...	...	...	1,562

In July, 1880, Sir Harcourt Johnstone retired in anticipation of his being raised to the Peerage, which honour was conferred upon him on the 10th of October, 1881. He continued to take a deep interest in politics, but like so many other of Mr. Gladstone's old supporters, his Lordship was unable to follow the veteran Statesman on the question of Home Rule for Ireland. He became a Liberal-Unionist on the introduction of the Home Rule Bill in 1886, and since that time he has been a staunch Unionist, though he has not since taken an active part in political life.

As a landlord, as indeed in every other capacity, his Lordship has always been held in universal esteem. Though compelled to retire from an active part in public life owing to ill-health, he nevertheless takes the deepest

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interest in the tenants on the Hackness estate, and in anything pertaining to their well-being, as also he does with regard to the life and progress of the country at large. His Lordship is well-known for his kind-heartedness and the pleasure he takes in helping others less fortunate than himself. The Hackness estate has been in the possession of the Johnstones for nearly two hundred years, and Lord Derwent most worthily maintains the traditions of the family in every way. His generosity especially showed itself during the years of agricultural depression in the latter part of the last century, when at the half-yearly rent audits handsome returns were made, not only to the large farmer, but also to small holders. Tenants do not easily forget such kindness from their landlord, and it is by such acts as these that his Lordship's life has been commendably characterised.

In 1850 Lord Derwent (he was Sir Bempole-Johnstone then) married Charlotte, daughter of Sir Charles Mills, and sister of the first Lord Hillingdon, and has had issue six sons (one dead) and one daughter. The death of Lady Derwent in 1904 was a great grief to his Lordship, and the sympathy of all the neighbourhood was extended to him.

We should not forget that in his younger days Lord Derwent took a great interest in sport, was Master of Hounds which hunted the district, and of which Captain Francis Johnstone, his eldest son, has since been also Master up to 1904.



The Right Hon. the Lord Hawke, J.P.

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HE career of Lord Hawke, who is the seventh holder of the title, can be summed up in a sentence. He is a typical English nobleman and a typical English sportsman, being particularly famed as a brilliant cricketer. He has for twenty-five years most ably and successfully captained the Yorkshire County XI., and is deservedly held in unrivalled regard and esteem in all cricketing circles, especially those in Yorkshire, where his lordship's popularity is immense. In proof of this—were proof really needed—we may appropriately reproduce one or two very interesting letters out of a number from influential cricketers which appeared in the "Yorkshire Evening Post" of November last (1907) in connection with a testimonial promoted by the County Cricket Committee and supported by that journal to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the noble lord's Captaincy of the Yorkshire County XI.

Lord Harris, also a famous cricketer, whose connection with the Kent County XI. is well known, and who, in 1879, took an English team to Australia, wrote as follows:—"Sir,—I knew the Yorkshire XI when it needed a masterful captain very badly indeed, and I used to wonder what was going to happen to it.

I remember also very well the year when Lord Hawke found it necessary to take action of a very drastic character, in order to show that efficiency must be accompanied by behaviour.

The result is that the XI. is welcome on every ground in England; therefore, Yorkshire may well be grateful to Lord Hawke, not only for his untiring zeal for the county, but for the high example he has encouraged the

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Yorkshire XI. to set in manners as well as in efficiency; and, of course, the County may well be proud of him for his own proficiency and his unsurpassed knowledge of the game.

I am delighted to hear of the movement, and should outsiders be permitted the privilege, would wish to be a contributor."

Mr. C. B. Fry, the Sussex cricketer, wrote:—"Sir,—It is with great pleasure that I hear of the intention to mark Lord Hawke's twenty-fifth year of captaincy in so becoming a manner. Lord Hawke has always been a very valuable personality in cricket, both in Yorkshire and in England generally, and also cross the seas. I most cordially endorse your testimony to him as worthy of the support of all sportsmen. I will gladly advance the project in any way."

The Rev. E. S. Carter, M.A., of Yorkshire (once a famous member of the Oxford University and Yorkshire County Cricket teams, and now a most popular member of the Yorkshire County Cricket Committee), wrote: "I think the movement you have commenced an excellent one. When the idea of a testimonial from the County club was first mentioned I then urged that it would be a mistake if at the same time all the cricket-loving public in the County were not given an opportunity for sharing in such a tribute. I consider Lord Hawke has done more for cricket than any living man, his services not having been confined to this County or country. They have extended to India, America, and South Africa. I think to Lord Hawke may be largely attributed the smart and uniform style in which professional teams are now turned out. He was one of the first to turn his men out in uniforms, and I believe he provided the first lot of jackets and caps himself. The esprit de corps in his team is splendid. Every man recognises that it is his duty to play for the success of his side and not for his personal glory. By accident I believe I had something to do with introducing the present Lord Hawke to the cricketing public of the County. In the old days when Lord Londesborough left it to me to invite amateurs to take part in the Scarborough Festival I asked the then Hon M. B. Hawke to play for Yorkshire, and the year afterwards he

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took his place in the County team. Lord Hawke has told me since that it was the best day's work I ever did for him. I earnestly hope your appeal may be a great success, for no one is more deserving of such a compliment than the Yorkshire captain."

The Sheriff of York (Mr. J. H. Turner):—"I am a great admirer of Lord Hawke's splendid career as a cricketer, recognising that largely to his masterly generalship, the County has, for some years past, owed its fine team. Knowing, as I do, how beloved he is by the players, and the elevating influence he has upon all intimately associated with him, I most heartily welcome the opportunity you are affording to the rank and file of cricket-loving Yorkshiremen to place on record their appreciation of his magnificent service in the perpetuation and development of a fine old English sport."

Further comment upon Lord Hawke's high qualities as a cricketer, or as regards the brilliant services he has rendered to his County, is, we feel, quite unnecessary; and we can only cordially wish that he may very long be spared to triumphantly captain his County team, and to win still further laurels in the field of sport. We should add, however, that the presentation of the testimonial, selected by Lord Hawke himself, took place at Headingley, Leeds, on Tuesday, July 14th (1908), in the presence of some 4,000 enthusiastic spectators, the presentation consisting of the following:—

"From the general fund—Diamond Tiara, old Worcester dessert service, Worcester dinner service, silver soup tureen, George III. (date 1817), and pair of Purdey guns. From the Yorkshire players—Silver teapot, cream and sugar basin, George IV. (date 1821), silver teapot and stand, George III. (date 1802). Later on a banquet is to be held in Leeds in further honour of Lord Hawke's association with cricket, and at this gathering the County Committee will present his lordship with three pearl studs as a distinct memento from his colleagues."

Major W. H. Shepherd, the senior Vice-President of the Yorkshire County Club, presided, and the presentation was made by the Earl of Wharnccliffe, who is a life member of the Yorkshire County Club. The York and Notts

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players, the Hon. F. S. Jackson, Mr. T. L. Taylor, Mr. R. W. Frank, the Rev. Canon Carter, and other old Yorkshire cricketers were among those present, besides many ladies and gentlemen prominent in the public and social life of the County. Apologies for inability to attend were received from the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl of Londesborough, the Marquis of Ripon, Lord Faber, Lord Lilford, and Lady Hawke. The Surrey Eleven sent a telegram, the reading of which evoked much cheering. The wire ran: "Please convey to Lord Hawke heartiest congratulations on the auspicious event taking place to-day—a well-deserved mark of appreciation, not only for his work for Yorkshire cricket, but for cricket generally."

His lordship was born in 1860, and is the eldest surviving son of the 6th Baron, who died in 1887. He is a J.P. for the West Riding of Yorkshire, and was Captain of the 3rd Battalion (Militia) Yorkshire Regiment from 1883 to 1894, when his lordship retired.

His residence is Wighull Park, Tadcaster, and his clubs the Carlton, Bachelors', and Yorkshire (York). Lord Hawke's heir is his brother, Captain the Hon. Stanhope Hawke, R.N.



The Rt. Hon. the Lord Deramore, J.P., C.C.



IT can safely be said that Robert Wilfred de Yarburgh-Bateson, third Baron Deramore, leads one of the most retiring and unostentatious of lives. Most of his time is spent at his charming residence, Heslington Hall, near York, which is a delightful old Elizabethan mansion. The family name was formerly Bateson, and the first Baronet was created three years after the historic battle of Waterloo. Sir Thomas Bateson, the second Baronet, who was M.P. for Co. Londonderry and for Devizes, was created the first Baron in 1885, and his brother, who succeeded by special remainder, took the additional name of De Yarburgh, after marrying the daughter and heiress of Mr. George J. Yarburgh, formerly owner of Heslington Hall, that place having been for many years the family seat. It is situated at the entrance to the pretty village of Heslington, and is about a mile and a half distant from York. There is a fine avenue of trees in the grounds, and in the gardens are clipped yews of great size.

The present Lord Deramore was born in August of 1865, and succeeded to the title in 1893. Ten years ago he married Lucy Caroline, the daughter of Mr. William H. Fife, who died in 1901, and married secondly Blanche Violet, daughter of Colonel Saltmarsh, R.A.M., 1907. His Lordship takes a deep and practical interest in agriculture, and is highly respected as a landlord. He was elected a member of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society in

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1888, and occupies a seat upon the Council. He is a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant of the East Riding, and also holds similar offices for County Down, Ireland.

In addition, Lord Deramore is one of the most useful members of the East Riding County Council. He is a Major in the Yorkshire Hussars Imperial Yeomanry, and in addition to Heslington Hall, is the owner of Belvoir Park, Belfast. Lord Deramore is well-known and highly esteemed both in Yorkshire and in the North of Ireland.



The Right Hon. Lord Falkland, D.L., J.P.



HE noble subject of this sketch, who has close relationship with Yorkshire, is the 12th holder of his historical title. He was born in 1845, and is nephew of the 11th Viscount, who died in 1886, and whom the present peer succeeded.

Lord Falkland is a Deputy Lieutenant and a Justice of the Peace for the North Riding; and a representative Peer for the United Kingdom of Scotland; and his Lordship was Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding of the 4th Battalion (Militia) Yorkshire Regiment from 1891 till 1896. He did much to bring the Regiment up to its present high state of efficiency.

Previously his Lordship was for two years (1882-4) Major in the Royal Sussex Regiment (35th Foot), retiring with the Honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In politics he is a pronounced Conservative.

His Lordship married in 1879 Mary, daughter of the late Robert Reade, Esq., of New York, U.S.A., and resides at 76, Eaton Square, S.W.; while his clubs are the Marlborough, Carlton, and R.Y.S. (Cowes).

The Rt. Hon. Lord St. Oswald, J.P., D.L.



AMONG Yorkshire families few can boast such popularity and distinction as Lord St. Oswald, of Nostell Priory, near Wakefield. Eldest son of the first Baron, who, having been Lord of the Treasury from 1874 to 1880, was elevated to the Peerage in 1885, Rowland Winn, the second holder of the title was born on August 1st, 1857, his mother being Harriet, daughter of Colonel Henry Dumaesq, and Elizabeth, sister of the fifth Earl of Lanesborough.

Having been educated at Eton, Lord St. Oswald became, in 1889, Captain in the Second Battalion Coldstream Guards, and served in the Soudan Expedition. Resigning his commission in 1893, and, retiring from Parliament in the same year, after ably representing Pontefract in the Conservative interest from 1885, he has lived mostly at his lovely Yorkshire seat. There it was that he and Lady St. Oswald, a lady as much admired for her personal charms as her numerous other gifts, had the high honour of entertaining His Majesty the King, in the autumn of 1906, on the occasion of His Majesty visiting Yorkshire for the purpose of attending the Doncaster Races, and had been, for several days the guest of Lord and Lady Savile, at Rufford Abbey.

Founded early in the twelfth century by Henry I., for the Augustinian Canons, Nostell Priory has for about three centuries been in possession of the present family, a namesake of the present holder having built the existing fine mansion somewhere about the year 1740. In mediæval times Nostell was famous throughout England both for its wealth and the special privileges

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which attached to it. It held vast possessions and considerable power in the North of England, but in time its prosperity began to wane, and at the Dissolution, it is said that its community was deeply in debt. The present mansion, which stands near the site of the old Priory, is enclosed by a beautifully wooded park of some 250 acres, which was enclosed in the reign of James I., and contains a fine herd of deer. From the bridge which carries the highway over a large sheet of water known as Nostell Dam, view of the mansion may be obtained.

His Majesty the King, on the occasion of the visit named, evinced the keenest interest in the house, and the invaluable works of art which crowd its walls. Conspicuous among these is Holbein's famous group of Sir Thomas More and his family, other examples including works by Ruysdael, Guercino, Van der Hoeck, Van der Velde, Jan Miel, Wynants, and many other old masters.

Lord St. Oswald's Parliamentary experience has naturally left him with a keen, although not very active, interest in politics, and for some time he has officiated as President of the Osgoldcross Conservative Association. When at Nostell both he and Lady St. Oswald are in constant request as openers of bazaars on behalf of church and charitable objects, to which they are themselves invariably liberal subscribers. His Lordship is devoted to sport, is an excellent shot, and a nobleman of many estimable qualities.

In 1892 Lord St. Oswald married Mabel, youngest daughter of the late Sir Charles Forbes, 4th Baronet, of Newe. He is D.L. and J.P. of the West Riding of Yorkshire, and his favourite pastimes are motoring and shooting. He has another seat at Appleby Hall, Brigg, Lincs, and his London residence is 11, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W. He is a member of the Carlton, Turf, Marlborough and Guards' Clubs.



The Right Hon. Lord Knaresborough.

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LORD KNARESBOROUGH is still a new Peer, the barony being granted to him when Mr. Balfour's government went out of office in December 1905. He was then Sir Henry Meysey-Thompson, and one of the most popular Baronets in the whole of Yorkshire. The honour was well deserved, for Lord Knaresborough has been for many years a devoted and loyal supporter of the Constitutional cause. He first sat in Parliament as a Liberal, but when the Home Rule split came he found himself unable to support the policy of Mr. Gladstone, and joined the ranks of the Liberal Unionists.

The son of the late Sir H. S. Meysey Thompson, M.P. for Whitby, his lordship was born at Moat Hall, York, in August 1845, and was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1885 he married Ethel, the only daughter of Sir Henry Pottinger. She was the sole heiress of her maternal grandfather, the Rev. Edmund Hector Shipperdson, her father succeeding his brother as third Baronet some forty-one years ago. The Pottingers of this line are derived from the same house as the Berkshire Pottingers, but laid the foundation of that family in Ireland where for generations they were sovereigns of Belfast.

It was Lady Knaresborough's ancestor who conveyed William of Orange to Ireland, and was lost the next day with all his crew, when the warship "Dreadnought" went down in pursuit of the French vessels, which were taking supplies for James II. His brother sold part of the family estates to assist the Orange cause.

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Lord and Lady Knaresborough are devoted to out-door sport, as, indeed, all the Meysey-Thompsons have been. His lordship's brother, Richard Frederick, was in the terrible ferryboat accident on the Ure when Sir Charles Slingsby, one of the most popular masters the York and Anistý pack ever possessed, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Edward Robinson, and others lost their lives. Colonel Meysey-Thompson was not in the boat, but received a medal from the Royal Humane Society for swimming out from the bank and attempting to save Sir Charles Slingsby, who unfortunately sank before he could reach him.

No doubt Lord Knaresborough chose his title partly out of compliment to the constituency which first returned him to Parliament. But a large portion of his estates are within the Honour of Knaresborough, and he is Lord of the Manor of the Manors of Great Ouseburn and Dunsforth, both of which are included in the Honour, or Superior Manor, of Knaresborough. He was elected for Knaresborough, the picturesque and historic town on the banks of the Nidd, in 1880, but was so unfortunate as to be unseated on petition. From 1885-6 he sat for the Brigg Division of Lincolnshire, and then the Home Rule split came. For the next six years he was out of Parliament, but in 1892 he was returned as a Liberal Unionist for the Handsworth Division of Staffordshire and retained the seat until the dissolution of 1905.

Lord Knaresborough is a Magistrate for the North and West Ridings of Yorkshire, and was formerly a Captain and Hon. Major in the Yorkshire Hussars. He is one of the Directors, and a Vice-Chairman, of the North-Eastern Railway Company, and the Barrow Hematite Steel Company.

His residence is Kirby Hall, York, and his clubs the Turf and Brooks's. Through marriage the Meysey-Thompsons are enabled to claim descent from Henry I.

The Right Hon. the Lord Nunburnholme, D.S.O.

BY birth, training and talent the Right Honourable the Lord Nunburnholme, of Warter Priory, York, and Ferriby Hall, Brough, S.O., has every claim to rank as a prominent County Leader in the social, and the administrative circles of Yorkshire. For a considerable period his distinguished family have been honourably and very influentially connected with the County, and have readily given of their best services to advance its interests and welfare.

The Wilson family, of which Lord Nunburnholme, D.S.O. (Charles Henry Wellesley Wilson) is the respected head has long been one of the most potent in Yorkshire, and is linked by marriage with some of the finest families in England. At Hull, too, where the late Peer was born, the family are (as is well-known) very large shipowners, indeed, the largest private shipowners in the world, and hold almost omnipotent sway, and the Town has flourished exceedingly under their regime. The family are also considerable landed proprietors.

The present Peer is the eldest son of the late Peer, and is the second holder of the title. He was born in 1875, and married in 1901 Lady Marjorie Cecilia, eldest daughter of the 1st Earl Carrington. He served in the South African War, 1899-1900, with the C.I.V.; is Hon. Lieutenant in the Army (1900); and was Major of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment, 1900-4. His Lordship was Sheriff of Hull, 1900-1901.

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He has a true Englishman's love of horses, shooting, and all country sports, at most of which his lordship is an accomplished hand. Whether field sports have a future or not, the noble Lord is justified, in our opinion, in contending that a general interference with hunting and shooting would have a distinctly injurious effect on the prosperity of the two Kingdoms. But for the attractions and exhilarating enjoyments, indeed, of field sports many noblemen and gentlemen like Lord Nunburnholme, would spend far more of their time and of their money abroad; and even in these days when co-operative stores are everywhere with us, the closing of a country house makes a deal of difference to a neighbourhood. Thus ardent sportsmen like his lordship, are to be appreciated and courted, but Sport alone does not claim all the noble lord's attention, for he takes a great interest in political and social matters.

His lordship has also very cultured and artistic tastes, and is devoted to floriculture as his own beautiful gardens at Warter Priory make abundantly manifest as do also the lovely gardens at Ferriby Hall.

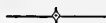
Lord Nunburnholme is very much esteemed by his numerous friends and is popular throughout Yorkshire.





The Viscount Helmstedt, M.P., M.F.H.

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FEW men enjoy the same measure of popularity with all classes as does the noble subject of this Sketch, Charles William Reginald Duncombe, Viscount Helmsley, the grandson and heir of William Ernest, first Earl of Feversham. Coming of an old and distinguished family, and one which has maintained a keen personal interest in agriculture, his Lordship is following closely upon the firm and fine traditions of the British aristocracy, seeking by all means in his power to demonstrate his anxiety for the goodwill of all who come under his influence, both in agriculture and in the wider sphere of politics.

Viscount Helmsley is the son of William Reginald Viscount Helmsley, whose premature death in 1881 left bereft a sorrowing widow and two children—the subject of this Sketch and the charming wife of the Hon. Gervase Beckett, M.P., whose Parliamentary constituency appropriately enough borders upon that of Viscount Helmsley; and the circumstance is the more noteworthy inasmuch as the brothers-in-law were elected on successive days at the General Election of 1906—they surviving the disaster which befel many worthy representatives of the party whose Cause they so warmly espouse, and devotedly serve.

Lord Helmsley is an Oxonian, of Christ Church College, and prior to being elected Member for the Thirsk and Malton Division of Yorkshire, was private secretary to Lord Selborne when at the head of the Admiralty. The noble Viscount is a very ardent adherent of any cause he espouses; indeed,

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his keenness is one of the remarkable traits of his character. As a Major of the Yorkshire Hussars Imperial Yeomanry, he is ever seeking to advance the interests of the crack corps; and since 1904 he has been the Master of the Sinnington Hunt. He is one of the straightest riders to be met, ever eager to see the hunt, and doing his best to endear himself with the farming fraternity, who are the supporters of the chase in this corner of the broad-acred shire. An instance of his pluck was exhibited recently when his Lordship's horse became entangled in some wire in the middle of a stream. After struggling to extricate the animal when in eminent danger of drowning, Lord Helmsley swam to the bank, changed his coat at a neighbouring house—and nearly everybody in the Sinnington Hunt district owns Lord Helmsley as a neighbour—and resumed the hunt as though nothing had happened. It is such incidents which endear a man to the Yorkshire yeoman's stout heart, and would do more to win popularity than any amount of Parliamentary service.

One very graceful assistant Lord Helmsley has in his public and private life, one who knows the way to win the hearts of all, is his beautiful wife, who before her marriage, was Lady Marjorie Greville, the elder daughter of the fifth Earl of Warwick, and whose mother is herself a Lady of the highest rank, attainments, and administrative ability. Viscount and Viscountess Helmsley have two little children—a daughter, and a son and heir, whose christening last year was the occasion of much rejoicing at Helmsley.

Fearless and outspoken in the expression of his views on all subjects, the venerable and beloved Earl of Feversham has indeed a most worthy scion of a noble house to follow him; but tenants and neighbours alike are unanimous in expressing the hope that it may yet be many years ere Lord Helmsley will exchange his residence near Nawton, for Duncombe Park, with its terraces and temples and proximity to Rievaulx Abbey, in the midst of rural Yorkshire. Meantime, Lord Helmsley pursues a steady career of usefulness, a worthy type of genuine British aristocracy.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ripon, D.D.

ONE of the most brilliant and widely esteemed of the Northern prelates is undoubtedly the Right Rev. William Boyd Carpenter, the third Bishop of Ripon. The See of Ripon was founded so long ago as 678, but fell into abeyance, and was only restored in 1836, Dr. Carpenter succeeding to the responsible office in 1884. The Bishop, undoubtedly one of the best known figures in the Anglican Church to-day, is a native of Liverpool, where he was born in 1841, his father, the Rev. Henry Carpenter, being Vicar of St. Michael's. He was educated at Cambridge, and graduated Senior Optime in 1864. In 1870 he was appointed Vicar of St. James's, Holloway, where he laboured assiduously for nine years, and then went to Christ Church, Paddington, becoming at the same time Chaplain to the late Queen Victoria. Dr. Boyd Carpenter was appointed Canon of Windsor in 1882, but two years afterwards gave up that position and his charge at Paddington to become Bishop of Ripon.

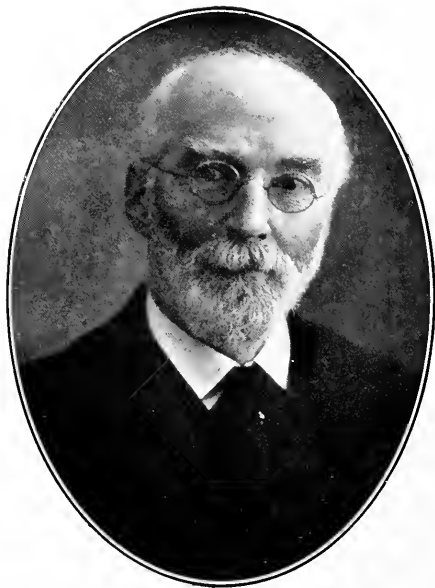
He has achieved many literary distinctions. In 1878 he was Hulsean Lecturer and Bampton Lecturer in 1887, when he selected the subject of "The Permanent Elements of Religion," and this was published in 1889. His Lordship became Lecturer in Pastoral Theology at Cambridge in 1894. He is the author of numerous religious works of great value, including "A Commentary on the Book of Revelation," "The Burning Bush," and "The Son of Man among the Sons of Men" (sermons), "Twilight Dreams," "Truth in Tales," "Narcissus," "Book of Household Prayers," "Heart Healing," "Lec-

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tures on Preaching," "Thoughts on Re-union," "Popular History of the Church of England," and "Religion in the Poets." Dr. Boyd Carpenter's pen has indeed been prolific. But apart from his writings he has earned quite a reputation for the literary grace of his utterances. He has frequently spoken in the House of Lords, and takes a deep interest in social questions, such as physical deterioration and the better housing of the people.

Dr. Boyd Carpenter is a D.D. and Hon. D.C.L. (Oxon, 1889), Hon. D.D. Durham and Glasgow, Knight of Royal Crown, Prussia, and Clerk of the Closet to the King. His Lordship has been twice married, the last time in 1883 to the daughter of Mr. W. W. Gardner. The Bishop's town residence is 2, Morpeth Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W., and his club the Athenæum. Besides the Palace at Ripon, he also has a charming place at Falmouth.





Sir Hugh Bell, Bt.

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Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of Yorkshire.



HERE is no more busy man in the whole of Yorkshire than Sir Hugh Bell, Bart., the well-known North of England iron-master, and head of the great firm of Messrs. Bell Bros., Ltd., Middlesbrough. For more than half a century the Bells have played a conspicuous part in the remarkably rapid development of Teeside, the chief iron-producing centre in the United Kingdom. Sir Hugh's father was a notable man in many ways. Indeed, Sir Lowthian Bell's was a famous and honourable name. It was once the best known and esteemed throughout the civilised world by men whose tributes of respect and homage were of immeasurable worth. Both as an inventor and as an expounder of mechanical science, he rendered invaluable service to his country and to his generation. It was Sir Lowthian, in connection with his brothers Thomas and John, who founded in 1852 the Clarence Ironworks on the Tees, one of the earliest and now one of the largest and best-equipped in the industrial North. In addition the firm also own extensive collieries and ironstone mines. Old Sir Lowthian, who lived in the reign of five Sovereigns, died in 1904 at the age of eighty-eight, full of honours and renown.

Sir Hugh, who is the second Baronet, was born in 1844, and at the age of twenty-three married Mary, daughter of Mr. John Shield, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. She died in 1871, and five years afterwards Sir Hugh again entered

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the bonds of holy matrimony, his wife being a daughter of Sir Joseph Oliffe, Kt., M.D. As soon as his education was completed, the subject of our sketch entered his father's firm, and ever since has been deeply immersed in the business of an ironmaster.

In spite of this fact, however, Sir Hugh has found time to devote to public affairs. He became a member of the Middlesbrough Town Council in 1870, and an Alderman in 1877, and on his retirement in November, 1907, Sir Hugh was the Senior member. For many years he was Chairman of the School Board, and when Mr. Balfour's Education Act abolished those bodies Sir Hugh was chosen to preside over the deliberations of the Education Committee. He is also a member of the North Riding Education Committee. Naturally he has been Mayor of Middlesbrough, and for more years than one cares to remember acted as Chairman of the Tees Valley Water Board, a body comprising the representatives of the three local Corporations, Middlesbrough, Stockton, and Thomaby.

When the late Sir Joseph Pease relinquished the Chairmanship of the Tees Conservancy Commissioners Sir Hugh Bell was unanimously elected in his stead. He is a member of the North Riding County Council, and recently succeeded the Marquis of Ripon as Lord-Lieutenant of the Riding. The great omission in Sir Hugh's life appears to be that he has never entered Parliament. He is distinctly one of those clever men who, having helped so much to build up the commerce of England, ought to be found in the national assembly at Westminster. It is not that Sir Hugh has never taken an interest in political matters, for he has done so these many years. The Bells were Liberals and Free Traders in the palmy days of Mr. Gladstone, but when that statesman decided for Home Rule they declined to follow him. It was as a Liberal Unionist and follower of the Duke of Devonshire that Sir Hugh once sought to enter Parliament as the representative of Middlesbrough in 1892, but he lost in a three-cornered contest, his poll being less than those of both the present Member of Parliament for the Borough and Sir W. S. Robson, the present Solicitor-General, who came out in the Liberal interest.

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Sir Hugh remained a Liberal Unionist, and assisted Mr. Geoffrey Drage in his campaign in Cleveland, but when the question of Tariff Reform came forward he refused to desert his Free Trade principles, and ceased to support the transformed Unionist Party. He is a great educationalist, and has frequently written in the leading Reviews and in the "Times." Sir Hugh is a Justice of the Peace for Middlesbrough, and the North Riding of Yorkshire, and a D.L. and J.P. for the County of Durham, of which he was Sheriff in 1895. He is a Director of the North-Eastern Railway Company, on the Board of which his father served from 1865 till his death. He lives mostly at Rounton Grange, near Northallerton. His town residence is 95, Sloane Street, S.W.







Ripley Castle, The seat of Sir Henry Day Ingilby, Bt., D.L., J.P.



The Gateway, Ripley Castle.

Sir Henry Day Ingilby, Bt., D.L., J.P.

SIR HENRY DAY INGILBY realises to the full the potency of *noblesse oblige*, for he has ever had before his eyes his responsibilities to the County and to the tenants on his estates. In 1882 he was the Sheriff of York, and this was only a fitting climax to his work as J.P. and D.L. of the West Riding of Yorkshire. He has never flinched from taking upon his shoulders local and County duties, and the West Riding of Yorkshire is considerably the better for his devoted work.

He is now in his 81st year, but is still a studious and practical thinker. Sir H. D. Ingilby has proved that study and practicability need not necessarily be divorced, but that by close application they can be made to go happily together. He took his M.A. at Oxford, where he was a scholastic credit to Magdalen College.

Ripley Castle, Sir Henry's estate, is one of the most beautiful in the "Shire of broad acres," and the public are granted every facility for feasting upon its beauties.

A notable feature of Ripley Castle is the dramatic re-unions which take place annually, when dramatic friends of the Baronet gather and give a theatrical entertainment for the benefit of one or other charity.


Sir Henry, who is the second Baronet, married in 1862, the Hon. Alicia Margaret, daughter of the first and last Baron Majoribanks.

Though his active interest in county and national progress is almost a thing of the past, Sir Henry nevertheless follows events with keen reasoning powers.

His heir is his brother William. Sir Henry has also an estate at Harrington Hall, Spilsby, and a London house at 9, Hereford Gardens, W. His clubs are Oxford and Cambridge, and Boodle's.



The Right Hon. Sir Frederick Milner, Bt., M.P., P.C., J.P., D.L.

HE Right Hon. Sir Frederick George Milner, Bt., M.P., P.C., J.P., D.L., was born on November 7th, 1849, and is the second son of the fifth Baronet and Anne, sister of the ninth Earl of Scarbrough. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, where he took the degrees of B.A. and S.C.L.. He succeeded to the Baronetcy in 1880, and married Adeline, daughter of the late Mr. W. Beckett, M.P. Lady Milner died in 1902.

Sir Frederick became Conservative M.P. for York in 1883, but lost the seat at the General Election in 1885. Subsequently he contested the Sowerby Division of Yorkshire, in the election of 1885, immediately after losing York, and the Radcliffe-cum-Farnworth Division of S.E. Lancashire, and was subsequently elected Conservative M.P. for the Bassetlaw Division after a memorable by-election contest in 1890. He has successfully retained the seat ever since, in spite of all the efforts of the Liberals at the General Elections of 1892, 1895, and 1900, but lost the seat in 1907. Sir Frederick is extremely popular throughout the Division, having proved himself a most able and energetic Member.

He has certainly rendered most invaluable services to the Conservative Party alike in Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire, and the Country generally, and is immensely popular wherever he goes. A bright and pungent speaker, who can rivet the attention of an audience and generally carry it with him, Sir

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Frederick Milner also wields a facile and vigorous pen, and has been a frequent contributor to *The Times* and other leading publications.

He is a particularly keen politician and a strong Churchman, and used to make it his mission in life to chasten to Mr. Gladstone. Sir Frederick is a very close student of the questions of the hour; is in warm sympathy with agriculturists, and has a thorough knowledge of all agricultural matters, being a large landowner himself; and he is especially kindly in manner and generous in instinct. Thus he deservedly enjoys the unstinted esteem of a host of friends.

Sport of all kind has always had a great fascination for him, and he is, in particular, a capital rider to hounds, and an excellent shot. His town house is 11, Hereford Gardens, W.





Sir John Pepys Lister-Kaye, Bt., D.L.

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SIR John is the eldest son of Lister Lister-Kaye, Esq., who married Lady Caroline Pepys, daughter of the first Earl of Cottenham. Born 18th February, 1853, he succeeded his grandfather as 3rd Baronet in April, 1874, and married in December, 1881, Natica Ysnaga, daughter of Ysnaga del Vallo, of Louisiana.

The Kayes of Denby Grange, near Wakefield, have been a well known Yorkshire family for many years, and, in addition to being large landowners, may be looked upon as the pioneers of the coal mining industry in the district; Sir John is the owner of the Denby Grange Collieries, near Wakefield, Yorkshire.

The present Baronet, however, is but a rare visitor to the neighbourhood. Being devoted to travel and the fine arts he has not occupied his ancestral home, this being now in the possession of his younger brother and heir presumptive, Mr. Cecil Lister-Kaye and his wife, Lady Beatrice, daughter of the 6th Duke of Newcastle.

Sir John when in England, makes his home in London. He was at one time a Lieutenant in the Royal Horse Guards, and on leaving the Army was a Lieutenant in the Yorkshire Hussars (Yeomanry). He is a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant of the West Riding. Politically a strong Conservative, and a member of the Carlton Club, he has not taken an active part in Party warfare, his inclinations being more towards Social than Political life.

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Sir John was appointed Groom-in-Waiting to His Majesty the King on June 4th, 1908.

Sir John Lister Kaye is the heir male of a family of great antiquity in the County of York, descended, as it is stated, from Sir Kaye, an ancient Briton, one of the Knights of the Round Table in the time of Arthur. This origin has been asserted by many reputable writers, but whatever credit may be due to their statements, the descent appears to be authenticated from Sir John Kaye, Knt., who lived in the time of William the Conqueror, and married the daughter and heir of Sir John Woodsome, Knt., by whom he had issue, Sir John, his successor.

Sir John Kaye, of Woodsome, Knt., was advanced the dignity of a Baronet by King Charles Ist, on February 4th, 1641; he served that unfortunate monarch in quality of a Colonel of Horse, and suffered much, both in person and estate during the Civil War, but happily survived the usurpation of Cromwell, and witnessed the restoration of Charles II. to the throne of his ancestors.



Sir J. T. Woodhouse, D.L., ex-M.P.

SIR JAMES T. WOODHOUSE, of Brough House, Yorkshire, possesses all those attributes of character which have made Yorkshiremen famous throughout the world. Strength of purpose, and fidelity to carefully-formed convictions, have characterised his strenuous life, which he has devoted unstintingly alike to the interests of his townsmen and his countrymen.

Sir James is a native of Hull, and was born in 1852. On leaving school he entered the legal profession. He matriculated at the London University in 1871 whilst serving his articles, and at the first examination for the degree of LL.B. he took a high place in honours in Jurisprudence and Roman Law. He was admitted a Solicitor in 1879, and up to 1895, when he was returned as Member of Parliament for Huddersfield, he practised in Hull.

He entered the Hull Town Council in 1882, and rendered such eminent service as Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee of the Corporation that in 1889 he was unanimously raised to the Aldermanic Bench. In 1890 he became Mayor, and during his year of office secured for the town £50,000 of a legacy of £150,000 left for purposes of Education at Hull by the Rev. Mr. Hymers, in spite of a legal difficulty which arose in the Will, which would, had it not been for the capable handling of the matter by Sir James (then Mr. Woodhouse), probably have prevented the town obtaining anything at all. He was presented with a testimonial for his services to the Municipality.

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Sir James entered the political arena in 1892 when he contested the Howdenshire Division, which had been represented in Parliament by a Conservative for upwards of sixty years. Although he was not successful, he reduced the Conservative poll by 527, and increased the Liberal vote by 314.

In 1895 he contested and was returned for Huddersfield, a Knighthood being conferred upon him in the same year. His representation of the constituency proved so statesmanlike and able that his seat proved practically impregnable right up to his retirement in November, 1906, when his business acumen, and assiduous attention to Parliamentary work, was recognised by his appointment as a Commissioner of Railways.

During his representation of Huddersfield, Sir James was Chairman of the Committee on the Trade Disputes Bill, and of the Standing Committee on Law. His commercial knowledge and level-headedness made him a distinct acquisition to his party, and commanded the admiration of his political opponents. A few years ago Sir James was entertained at a banquet in Hull in recognition of his services on behalf of the Liberal Party in that town, and in Howdenshire, and was presented with an Album containing the signatures of the principal Officers of the various Liberal Associations, and of about 2,000 electors in Howdenshire.

The distinguished subject of this Sketch is of commanding stature, and was formerly Colonel of one of the Hull Battalions of Volunteers.

Sir James is a member of the Reform, National Liberal, and Bath Clubs.

Sir W. H. Cooke, Bt., D.L., M.F.H.



BY birth, training and talent, Sir William H. C. W. Cooke, Bt., D.L., of Wheatley Hall, Doncaster, is well entitled to rank as a County Leader in Yorkshire, where for many generations past his distinguished and ancient family have been honourably and influentially settled, and have given of their best services to advance the truest interests and welfare of the County.

Sir William Cooke was born on June 21st, 1872, and married on the 15th July, 1902, Lady Mildred Denison, youngest daughter of the 1st Earl of Londesborough, and has issue a son, Wm. Francis Henry, born September 29th, 1903. Sir William Cooke succeeded his father as 10th Baronet in 1894.

For a year, from 1900 to 1901, Sir William served as 2nd Lieutenant in the Yorkshire Dragoons; was High Sheriff of the West Riding in 1903.

The Baronetage dates from as far back as 1661, Sir William being descended from Alderman Bryan Cooke, J.P., Mayor of Doncaster, 1630, who was himself the great-great-grandson of Edward Cooke, of Arksey, near Doncaster, and died 26th December, 1653, aged 83. As a matter of historical and ancestral interest we may mention that the 1st Baronetcy was conferred (May 10th, 1661) in consideration of the recipient's own, and his father's loyalty and suffering during the Civil War.

It is pleasing to record that Sir William Cooke is in every respect a worthy successor of his distinguished line of ancestors, and there is very little fear of his not maintaining unsullied the family escutcheon, and of most

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creditably upholding the family name.. He is, indeed, a fine specimen of a typical English gentleman, a keen sportsman, and a model landlord. He has all a true Englishman's love of horses, hunting, and of country pursuits generally, although hunting is undoubtedly Sir William's most favourite sport. He was Master of the Ledbury Hounds during 1906 and 1907, but resigned in 1908, and has moved his pack into Yorkshire, and this season will hunt the country round Malton and Pickering, which was so long known as Captain Johnson's.





Colonel Sir Robert Ropner, Bt., M.P., V.D.

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THROUGHOUT his useful and strenuous career Colonel Sir Robert Ropner, Bt., M.P., has always been actuated by the loftiest of aims and the most unselfish and purest of purposes, the truest interests of the public and of his neighbours ever having been his first and chief consideration. He has conscientiously and earnestly performed an immense amount of valuable public work, and has never spared time, trouble or money in laudably endeavouring to promote and advance the good of the community in general, irrespective of party or creed. Hence it is that Colonel Sir Robert Ropner is so widely esteemed, and enjoys so much popularity wherever he is known, and particularly at Stockton-on-Tees (where he has a beautiful seat known as Preston Hall) and in Yorkshire, where the honourable Baronet also possesses a fine estate, Skutterskelfe Hall, near Stokesly.

He bears the reputation of being a most kind and sympathetic landlord, and it is pleasing to record that there exists between him and his tenants the happiest of relationships. Naturally he takes a deep interest in all agricultural matters; is fond of sport, being a fair shot; and is, in short, a really typical country magnate.

It is almost superfluous to state that political affairs have a strong attraction for Sir Robert, and he has twice unsuccessfully contested the Cleveland Division, but he was more fortunate when he sought the suffrages of Stockton-on-Tees at the General Election of 1900, being then returned for Parliament

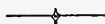
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by a majority of 399 over his Radical opponent, Mr. J. Samuel, and again in 1906 by a majority of 1,380. An able speaker, Sir Robert Ropner is also a vigorous and effective debater, and has rendered invaluable services to the great Conservative Party, of which he is such a gifted and influential member. To the political cause in and around Stockton-on-Tees in particular he has certainly proved himself to be a veritable tower of strength, and he is naturally extremely popular with his party, in addition to being held in the utmost respect by his political opponents. The versatility of his robust intellect, his extensive information, and his capacity to adapt himself happily to the subject under discussion, or to the audience before him, are points which do not fail to manifest themselves to the honourable Baronet's attentive listeners.

Born in 1838, Sir Robert is the eldest son of J. H. Ropner, of Magdeburg, Prussia, who settled in Hartlepool and afterwards at Preston Hall, near Stockton-on-Tees, fifty-two years ago, and married in 1858 Mary A. daughter of J. Craik, Esq., of Newtown Stuart, County Wigtown. He is a D.L. and J.P. for County Durham, of which he was High Sheriff in 1896; and he was appointed a J.P. for the North Riding of Yorkshire in 1899. He was Lieut.-Colonel commanding the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry from 1896 to 1898, and became Honorary Colonel in 1897. For his long services to the Volunteer cause Sir Robert Ropner was awarded the special Volunteer Decoration Order. He was created a Knight in 1902 and a Baronet in 1904.

Sir Robert's clubs in London are the Carlton and Constitutional.

Sir J. W. Ramsden, Bt., D.L., J.P.



THE important industrial centre of Huddersfield is inseparably associated with the name of Ramsden, which may be traced in the locality as far back as the earlier portion of the sixteenth century. Sir John William Ramsden, Baronet, the member of the family with which this sketch deals was born at Newby Park, Yorkshire, on September 14th, 1831, and became the fifth Baronet on the death of his grandfather in 1851. He received his education at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge.

It is an interesting fact that Sir John became of age on the day of the death of the great Duke of Wellington. On August 2nd, 1865 he married Lady Helen Gwendolen, youngest daughter of Edward Adolphus, twelfth Duke of Somerset, K.G., a lineal descendant of Edward the Third.

A strong trait in the character of Sir J. W. Ramsden is his extreme generosity, and the inhabitants of Huddersfield, of which town he owns something like 4,500 acres, have much to thank him for. The wide and well laid streets, which are the pride of the townspeople and the admiration of the visitors, and several of the most imposing and important buildings, have been carried out under his direction. Towards the beautifully situated Huddersfield Cemetery Sir John gave half the purchase money; he also gave to the town St. John's Church at a cost of £10,000; and he sold to the Corporation for £30,000 the land for the Greenhead Park, and contributed £5,000 towards the cost.

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In connection with the erection of the handsome Somerset Bridge he gave £1,000, and his contribution to the building fund of the Huddersfield Technical College, in the establishment of which he was deeply interested, he contributed £1,000. He is an annual subscriber to the Huddersfield Infirmary, a life patron and a donor of the sum of £1,200. This record of princely liberality by no means adequately represents the goodness of heart of this worthy Baronet, the possession of whom the "Broad-Acres Shire" may regard with pardonable pride.

Sir John has in his time figured prominently as a politician, and has been a staunch supporter of the cause of Liberalism. He is a cultured and convincing orator, and has sat in Parliameñt for the following constituencies:—Taunton, 1853-57; Hythe, 1857-9 (during which period he was Under Secretary for War in Lord Palmerston's administration); the West Riding, 1859-65; Monmouth, 1868-74; the Eastern Division of the West Riding, 1880-5 (being returned with the late Sir Andrew Fairburn); and the Osgoldcross Division 1885-6.

He is a Justice of the Peace for the County of York, and was Deputy Lieutenant and High Sheriff of the County in 1868. In 1894 Sir John was High Sheriff of the County of Bucks.

In his earlier days the subject of this sketch took an enthusiastic interest in the Volunteer movement, and has been Honorary Colonel of the 1st West Riding of Yorkshire Artillery since 1862.

Of late years Sir John has resided principally at Byram, near Pontefract, and when visiting Huddersfield has stayed at Longley Hall. His other seats are Bulstrode Park, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Ardverike, near Kingussie, N.B. The total area of his estates is 150,000 acres.

His clubs are Brooks, the Athenæum and the Travellers'.



Sir Thomas Brooke, Bt., J.A., D.L.

Sir Thomas Brooke, Bart., J.P., D.L.

SIR THOMAS BROOKE, BART, J.P., D.L., was born on May 31st, 1830, the son of Thomas Brooke, of Honley, Huddersfield, who married Miss Ingham, daughter of Mr. Joseph Ingham, of Hunslet, near Leeds.

After a period of tuition at private schools, he went to Cheltenham College for some years. He then embarked on a business career, in the neighbourhood of Huddersfield, by joining one of the oldest woollen manufactories in England, its establishment dating back to the 18th century. For nearly thirty years he was concerned in that undertaking, from which he retired in 1879.

Sir Thomas Brooke throughout his business career always displayed great energy and industry with much more than an average capacity for work, and his retirement from the active management of the manufactory was not intended to secure the leisure and freedom from the cares of superintendence to which most men who have given almost incessant attention to commercial details for nearly a generation consider themselves entitled. As a matter of fact, the demands on his time and attention made by other numerous undertakings with which he was then, and subsequently became, associated, rendered him even more fully occupied, after his relinquishment of his own business, than before that event occurred.

A list of the institutions and societies, public, industrial, financial, literary,

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philanthropical and charitable, etc., with which he is identified, indicates the extent and variety of the interests which periodically claim his attention.

He was Chairman of the Quarter Sessions for the West Riding of Yorkshire till 1906, when he resigned, and a Director of the London and North-Western Railway, and also Director of the Commercial Union Insurance Company until 1907, and Vice-Chairman of the Yorkshire Penny Bank, a concern which has no less than £14,000,000 of deposits.

He was for some years the Deputy-Chairman of the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire, but he resigned that position on account of its meetings and the meetings of its Committees interfering with his other engagements.

Among the other positions which he fills, and the duties of which he actively discharges, we may mention that Sir Thomas is Vice-President of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society; Vice-President of Surtees Society; Vice-President of the Henry Bradshaw Society; on the Council of the Bibliographical Society, and a member of several literary societies. He is also a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and of the Society of Arts, besides being a Member of the Roxburghe Club. In connection with public and social matters, he has done useful work over an extended period, and in former years he took a practical interest in political matters.

In 1874 he was invited to contest the Parliamentary representation of Huddersfield in the Conservative interest, but at the General Election in that year he suffered defeat, Mr. E. A. Latham being the successful candidate. Eleven years later, in 1885, he stood for the Colne Valley Division of West Yorkshire, but his friend and opponent, Mr. H. F. Beaumont, was elected.

Sir Thomas received the honour of a Baronetcy in 1899, and he is Deputy-Lieutenant for the West Riding of Yorkshire. For several years he commanded the Huddersfield Volunteers, which he joined as a private in 1859, retiring from the Colonelcy in 1873, after being Colonel of the Regiment for seven years.

He has been married three times, his present wife being the widow of the

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late Rev. C. F. Forster, of Beckwithshaw, near Harrogate. They reside at Armitage Bridge, about three miles from Huddersfield, where he has accumulated a remarkable collection of books which is conceded to be one of the finest libraries in England.

His clubs in London are the Carlton and the Constitutional.

Although now in his 78th year, and his health, unfortunately, somewhat failing, Sir Thomas Brooke still takes a deep, though not active, interest in County and Philanthropic matters, and is deservedly held in warm regard by all who know him.

We deeply regret to state that since this sketch has been set in type Sir Thomas has passed away, his death (which took place last month, July, 1908) being sincerely mourned by a wide circle of friends.





Sir J. Sykes Rymer, Kt., J.P.

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SIR JOSEPH SYKES RYMER, J.P., is perhaps the best known public man in the City of York to-day. For generations his family have been associated with the leading life of the old Roman citadel, and both his grandfather and father were members of the Corporation. It is exactly forty years ago since Sir Joseph himself became a member of the City Council as one of the representatives of Monk Ward, and he retained his seat until he was elected to wear the Aldermanic gown. To-day he holds the proud distinction of being the Father of the Corporation.

He was Sheriff of York in 1882-3, and Lord Mayor in 1887-8 and 1899-1900, serving both offices with dignity and success. He was educated at Holgate College, which, by the way, has turned out many clever commercial men, and in 1864 married Sarah, the youngest daughter of the late Mr. John Leetham, shipowner, of York.

Sir Joseph figured amongst the New Year's honours in 1901, receiving a Knighthood. He had on several occasions in the discharge of his public duties been brought into close association with Royalty. During his Shrievalty in 1882-3 His Majesty the King (then Prince of Wales) laid the foundation stone of what is now the Public Library, and it fell to Sir Joseph to ask His Royal Highness to perform the function. When Lord Mayor in 1887-8 he presented the honorary freedom of the City on behalf of the Corporation

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to the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and also took a prominent part in the ceremony of opening a new lock on the River Ouse, which was performed by Prince Eddie.

In 1901 whilst fulfilling the duties of Lord Mayor for the second time Sir Joseph had the honour of entertaining the King and Queen (then Prince and Princess of Wales) and the Duke of York (now Prince of Wales) during the visit of the Royal Agricultural Society to the City. The honorary freedom of the City was presented to the King on that occasion by Sir Joseph in the name of the civic authorities.

For a number of years he has occupied the position of Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Corporation, of the York Waterworks Company, of the York Glass Company, and the Wheldale Colliery Company of Castleford, also a Director of the Cario Hydro, Harrogate, of the South Cliff Boarding House Company, Scarborough, and of the Harrowing Steamship Company, Whitby. He is also a Justice of the Peace for York and the North Riding of Yorkshire.

In politics Sir Joseph Rymer is a Conservative, and steadily adheres to Constitutional principles. Nor is he diffident when called upon, or impelled by his convictions, to emphatically declare his opinions upon crucial questions on the public platform. For the past nine years he has acted as the leader of the Conservative Party in the City, who have just presented him with a handsome piece of plate on his retirement from the position.

Sir Joseph Sykes Rymer was elected Lord Mayor for a third time on November 9th, 1907, and he has been deputy Lord Mayor.

Sir Henry Seymour King, K.C.I.E., M.P.



THE Crown has honoured Sir Henry Seymour King, K.C.I.E., M.P., for his services in India, so have Indian Civil Service servants; Yachting Clubs have laid their guerdons at his feet; he has metaphorically, snatched a laurel from every mountain worth climbing; and has gathered in his travels mementoes of most people, nations, and languages, and is indeed, a gentleman of many interests and honours. This has been tersely said of Sir Henry Seymour King, whose crowded life has included no less than twenty-one years' representation of Central Hull in Parliament. Much respected and revered in the Third Port, whenever he pays a visit to that City, the citizens feel it incumbent upon them to organise a popular demonstration, and the populace unanimously demand of him a speech from the Station Hotel balcony or a similar convenient place.

Sir Seymour, true to his characteristic energy and alertness, has always been there when wanted, and the part he played in demanding justice for the fishermen at the time of the North Sea outrage will never be forgotten. The aggrieved may have lived in another division of the City, but that did not in the least influence the member for Central Hull, who persisted, day after day, at headquarters till the *amende honourable* was made. That episode in the life of Hull is now closed, but a memorial in the public streets depicting a fisherman with his hand outstretched, entreating the Russians to "Cease firing," will hand the story down to future generations. Politically and

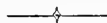
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socially, Sir Seymour has always been a prominent figure in the local and national picture, with, of course, Lady King as his accomplished and gracious consort, who is, herself, esteemed by rich and poor alike.

Sir Seymour has certainly done much for Hull, and the citizens have sought to recognise it quite recently by presenting him with a costly casket and signed scroll. A staunch Unionist, Sir Seymour has enjoyed an interrupted representation of Central Hull for the period already mentioned, and he gave a further impetus to the Cause he has so much at heart by getting Mr. Balfour to speak at Hull, on Feb. 1st, 1907.



Sir Alfred Gelder, F.R.S., B.A., J.P.



IVE times Mayor of Hull. That is a distinction which probably constitutes a record. It can, however, be applied to one of the most distinguished gentlemen who have served the City of Hull. Sir Alfred Gelder in that City is a name well-known; with him Hull might have been the only City in the Kingdom. It has provided him with a life work, and under his very able and skilful guidance it has grown to be a place of wide and well-planned streets and spacious buildings. Sir Alfred might have been a fairy godfather, for it is his magic wand that has completely transformed old and dingy thoroughfares into a City that in many respects may be taken as a pattern by even the larger hives of industry.

Time and energy have been lavishly given by Sir Alfred Gelder, but the result has been to him an ample reward, although no one ever more greatly deserved the Knighthood which was conferred on him shortly after the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales in 1903. On that occasion he maintained the dignity of the Mayoral office by lavishly entertaining the Royal guests, and the honour conferred upon him subsequently was largely attributable to this unique distinction.

It was as recent as 1895, comparatively speaking, that he first entered the Hull City Council, and during the period that has elapsed, in addition to filling the office of Chief Magistrate five times, he has been made a Magistrate and advanced to the Aldermanic Bench. His advancement was certainly

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rapid, but his honours were thoroughly well deserved and ungrudgingly bestowed, and the citizens freely expressed their admiration of his pertinacity in proposing and successfully carrying through the various street improvement schemes, which, though suggested years ago, required such a bold mind as that of Sir Alfred to carry the Corporation with him.

Prior to entering the City Council Sir Alfred Gelder was a member of the 1892 School Board. In another direction his public work has been confined to the religious body, the Wesleyan Methodists, of which he is a leading member. The erection of the Queen's Hall, at a cost of £34,000, and in style a duplicate of the main hall of the Leysian Mission, London, opened by the Prince of Wales, is part of his professional work. A huge mission, it is proving a great success, for it is conducted on what may be described as on the lines of "the greatest good for the greatest number," without any class distinctions.

Born at North Cave, a pretty village near Hull, in 1855, the subject of this sketch commenced business in Hull as an architect, and has built up by his own industry and conspicuous abilities a most successful practice.

As a self-made man, Sir Alfred's life is a fine example to be copied.

Sir Alfred Gelder is a Liberal in politics, and an active supporter of his party. Needless to add, he is very widely respected and esteemed by all classes.



His Honour Judge H. M. Bompas, K.C., J.P.



AS an upright, high-minded English gentleman, His Honour Judge Henry Mason Bompas, K.C., J.P., is held in universal esteem. It is, of course, a great acquisition to the County to have a gentleman of his culture, experience, and abilities, willing to give the shire the benefit of his skill and counsel.

Besides his responsible position as County Court Judge for Bradford and Keighley Circuit, his Honour has also held the important appointment of Recorder of Poole, Plymouth and Devonport, and is a Justice of the Peace for Yorkshire.

The learned Judge was born in London in 1836, educated privately, and at University College, London, also at St. John's College, Cambridge; and is an M.A. London and Cantab. He married, in 1867, Rachel Henrietta, eldest daughter of the Rev. Edward White, of Tufnell Park.

His Honour became Barrister of the Inner Temple, 1863, Treasurer, 1905; and Q.C. in 1877. He is a distinguished member of a profession that rightly ranks as one of the oldest and most influential. In all ages deference and respect have been paid to those who have been enrolled among its members. It is a code of etiquette which has been passed on from generation to generation bespeaking the antiquity and long bead-roll of the profession. Its ritual and ceremonies are second only to those of the Church. And yet not even the legal profession remains untouched by the finger of time.

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Judge Henry Mason Bompas has, during the course of his successful career witnessed a revolution in legal institutions. He has seen courts of antiquity swept away, and offices almost coeval with the Common Law abolished. He has seen the opening of the Royal Courts of Justice as the outcome of a movement long in operation for bringing the scattered parts of the *Curia Regis* and the housing of them under one roof.

Thanks to his own sterling qualities as a judge and the display of corresponding qualifications in many other County Court Judges, our distinguished subject has seen the cry for a general extension of the powers of these popular tribunals taken up with an earnestness and persistence that cannot much longer go unheeded. The modern County Court is the creation of an Act of Parliament passed in the year 1846. There were at the time a number of small local courts scattered throughout the country in which actions might be brought for the recovery of small debts. But their procedure was not uniform, and therein involved much delay and expense, and were sometimes conducted before incompetent persons to the great prejudice of suitors. The establishment of popular local courts has occupied the attention of legislators from the earliest times. The principle laid down by the laws of Canute was as follows: "Let no man apply to the King unless he may not be entitled to justice within his hundred; and let the hundred-mote (the hundred court) be applied to, and then again let there be a shire-mote" (a County Court.)

In politics, Judge Bompas is a Liberal Unionist; and he is particularly interested in Volunteering.

Whatever His Honour has undertaken he has done creditably, and, alike as Judge, Magistrate, and Recorder, he has always carried out his duties with conspicuous care and judicial impartiality. Courteous in conduct, kindly in disposition and modest in manner, he is a splendid specimen of that perfect gentleman whom we all admire.

His addresses are:—12, Park Parade, Harrogate, 95, Iverna Court, Kensington, and 3, Harcourt Buildings, E.C.



The Rev. Canon J. A. Wilson, M.A., J.P.

The Rev. Canon J. Allen Wilson, M.A., J.P.



ONE of the most highly respected and esteemed of Yorkshire clergy is the Rev. Canon J. Allen Wilson, M.A., Rector of Bolton-by-Bolland. He was born at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield, and educated at the Sheffield Collegiate School, and Trinity College, Cambridge. For 48 years now he has held the living of Bolton-by-Bolland, and is held in high regard by his parishioners.

From 1881 to 1904 Canon Wilson was Rural Dean of West Craven, a post which entailed a good deal of hard work and responsibility. He is a Justice of the Peace for the West Riding, and Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral.

Canon Wilson married Catherine, the younger daughter of Mr. Henry Remington of Aynsome, Grange-over-Sands, Lancashire, and he lives very quietly and unostentatiously at Bolton Rectory, Clitheroe. As a clergyman his advice is greatly prized, and his opinions, whether expressed from the pulpit, or outside the church, are much valued. Possessed of considerable learning and a whole-hearted desire to promote the welfare of his flock, Canon Wilson is ever ready to become a friend in need. He is a typical representative of his cloth, and a distinct ornament to his calling.



W. E. B. Priestley, Esq., J.T., M.T.

W. E. B. Priestley, Esq., J.P., M.P.



YORKSHIRE is well supplied with generous and influential public gentleman, and of these there are few who, in their own districts, are more highly esteemed than Mr. William Edwin Briggs Priestley, J.P., M.P., eldest surviving son of the late Briggs Priestley, Esq., J.P., of "Ferncliffe," Apperley Bridge, near Bradford, who was Member of Parliament for the Pudsey Division of Yorkshire from 1885 to 1900. Mr. Priestley's brother, Arthur Priestley, is M.P. for Grantham.

Mr. W. E. B. Priestley was born in 1859; educated privately at Harrogate; and married in April, 1883, Ruth, daughter of Joseph Craven, Esq., J.P., of Ashfield, Thornton, near Bradford, ex-M.P. for the Shipley Division of Yorkshire.

Mr. Priestley has had a very interesting and very useful public career as will be seen from the statement that he has been a Magistrate for the City of Bradford since 1894; City Councillor for Premier Ward from 1895 to 1903, when he was elected Alderman; Chairman of the Technical Instruction Committee since its inception; first Chairman of the Education Committee under the Act of 1902; Mayor of Bradford, 1904-05; and a Member of the Executive of the National Liberal Federation, 1901-03. He also contested East Bradford for Parliamentary honours in the Liberal interest in 1900, but was defeated by the late Honourable Capt. R. F. Granville.

An active, able, industrious, public and political worker, Mr. Priestley, M.P. has unquestionably rendered zealous and sterling services to the

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Liberal Party, of which he is such an eloquent and popular member. He is a courageous political assailant, and an impressive speaker. Whatever his political opponents may think of his views there is, candidly, no mistaking the fact that in all he says and does, Mr. Priestley is manifestly earnest and sincere; nor does he flinch at any time from an honest avowal of his opinions upon any thorny question.

Strong, indeed, is the vein of candour which runs through the whole of his speeches, which become the more forcible because they are the outward expression of inward and deep-rooted convictions; but naturally his sturdy and independent remarks are not always particularly palatable to those persons of an opposite school of thought. Still, there is no challenging Mr. Priestley's sincerity, or his plucky perseverance at election times; and, after all, we English like a manly fighter, and even, *entre nous*, quietly admire him. The disinterested zeal with which he applies himself to all matters that come under his notice, and which he may consider deserving of attention, is in itself sufficient proof of the genuine nature of his solicitude for the true welfare of those around him and of the people in general. His aim, indeed, has always been to endeavour to discharge diligently and faithfully, the duty that lies at hand. Equally correct is the statement that Mr. Priestley has never spared time or trouble in assisting to advance the best interests of his constituents, irrespective of class or creed, who fully recognise on their part that they have in him an impartial, fair-minded and astute representative who is not easily to be caught napping at any time. In brief, both in sentiment and in action, the worthy gentleman inspiringly endorses the sage's exordium:—"Follow light and do the right—for man can half control his doom."

Mr. Priestley, M.P., has beautiful residences at Rosemount House, and at Littledale Hall, Caton, near Lancaster, while his town address is Queen Anne's Mansions St. James' Park, S.W.; and his clubs are the Reform and National Liberal.

T. R. Ferens, Esq., M.P.

IF one were to describe Mr. T. R. Ferens as the "People's M.P." the designation would be very apt. Mr. Ferens was elected to represent the industrial portion of East Hull City in the present Parliament, the vacancy being caused by the resignation of Sir J. T. Firbank, who had represented the constituency for many years.

In the heat of the campaign East Hull is no better or worse than other Parliamentary Divisions, and many pointed shafts were discharged from both camps, but now that is all over, Mr. Ferens seems to have as many friends amongst the "enemy" as everywhere else. The reason is simply this: He is, of course, a staunch supporter of the Government, and has been an earnest politician for many years, but the side of his career that has won him respect of friend and foe is his devotion to the social and philanthropic movement. There are not many members of the House of Commons who would return to their constituencies every week end to fulfil the role of a Sunday School Superintendent. Mr. Ferens does that, and is associated in the work by his precious wife. Both must feel proud of the fact that the Young People's Institute in East Hull—probably the largest of its kind in the United Kingdom—in a large measure owes its foundation and success to their energies. Mr. Ferens has also been associated with a similar work, the Hull Young People's Christian and Literary Institute, as its President for a number of years; and quite recently he showed his interest in the young folk by presenting the Institute with an extensive Recreation Ground on the outskirts of the City.

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In another direction his benefaction has been extended in the shape of a gift of several thousand pounds to the city as a nucleus towards founding the new Art Gallery. Mr. Ferens is also an ideal type of a successful commercial man, for starting as a boy in quite a minor position he has progressed steadily till now he is a member of the famous firm of starch and blue renown, namely Reckitts, of which Sir James Reckitt, a Hull philanthropist, is the revered head.

Quite recently, too, the subject of this brief sketch gave one thousand or so workmen and girls at Messrs. Reckitt's firm an agreeable surprise, for on leaving one evening there was a bright sovereign awaiting each. It was just a happy thought by the honourable member.

To glance again at Mr. Ferens' political career, which is the one that is now opening before him, one might add, that so long as the Election of 1868, when Messrs James Clay and Charles Norwood were returned for Hull, he was actively engaged in the fray, and from the time East Hull was made a separate Constituency he devoted his energies to it.

He has been for a number of years President of the East Hull Liberal Club, and Chairman of the Hull and District Liberal Federation, of which Sir James Reckitt was formerly President. Mr. Ferens is also a Past President of the Hull Chamber of Commerce and Shipping, and a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Ferens was born at New Shildon, in the County of Durham, in 1847, and married, in 1872, a daughter of the late Mr. William Field. They have no children; but an adopted son was Sheriff of Hull in 1906.

Ed. Allen Brotherton, Esq., M.P., J.P.



AMONG the successful captains of British industry it would be difficult to find a more typical example than that of the present Conservative Member for the Borough of Wakefield. His career may, in a sense, be regarded as a second edition of the Wars of the Roses. In this case, however, instead of being a savage struggle for Monarchical ascendancy, it has been a bloodless campaign for commercial supremacy. As a native of Lancashire, and inheriting a full share of Lancastrian shrewdness, Mr. Edward Allen Brotherton, M.P., can certainly be said to have conquered his hard-headed Yorkshire rivals in the keenly competitive crusade of commerce.

Born in Manchester, in the year 1856, and destined for a commercial career, Mr. Brotherton was fortunate in being able to receive his education at that liberal and progressive seat of learning, Owen's College, Manchester, just at the time when it was making a bid for the University distinction it afterwards attained.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune ;"

and Mr. Brotherton certainly caught the flood-tide of prosperity, when, in the year 1878, he came to Wakefield, and started business in a somewhat humble way as a chemical manufacturer, at the Calder Vale Chemical Works.

Paying special attention to the manufacture of ammonia from the gas-works' bye-product, the business prospered phenomenally, with the result that, in course of time, branch establishments sprang up at such places as Leeds.

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Birmingham, Liverpool, Stockport, and elsewhere; and at the present time his firm may be said to be the largest ammonia manufacturers in the world.

Commerce has been one of the greatest civilizers the world has ever known. "It disposes," says a great writer, "nations to peace, by establishing in every state an order of citizens bound by their interest to be the guardians of public tranquility. As soon as the commercial spirit acquires vigour, and begins to gain the ascendant in any society, we discern a new genius in its policy, its alliances, its wars, and its negotiations." And men possessed, like Mr. Brotherton, of true commercial genius, foresight and sagacity have been, to a very large extent, the regenerators and benefactors of their race.

While at the zenith of his prosperity Mr. Brotherton saw the propriety of allowing his employees to participate in the profits of their own industry, and to that end, he converted his business into a limited company, affording his workmen special facilities for becoming shareholders; and, needless to say, they gladly availed themselves of the opportunity. It is doubtful, indeed, whether a more thoroughly contented lot of workmen can be found from one end of the country to the other.

Mr. Joseph Brotherton, at one time M.P. for Salford, and a distant relative of the subject of the present sketch, is reported to have said, "My riches consist not in the extent of my possessions, but in the fewness of my wants"; and these words are appropriately emblazoned on the pedestal of the said Mr. Joseph Brotherton's statue, which stands near the entrance of Peel Park, Salford. The sentiment is one which deserves to be pondered in these days when the scramble for wealth seems to be the rule, rather than the ideal of "Plain Living and High Thinking."

The Member for Wakefield, although living a distinctly simple life, is a generous contributor to all philanthropic, religious and other objects. But the principles which he has found effective in his business life, he has transferred to the domain of philanthropy. His donations, for instance, are invariably given under conditions which ensure that others shall do their share. He always aims at inducing self-help rather than encouraging indiscriminate

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charity. Wakefield, although rich in charitable institutions, has, by Mr. Brotherton, been placed under tribute for another charity, and one which has been very greatly appreciated, viz., that of a pension to citizens of good character who have attained the age of sixty-five years and upwards. On the Coronation of King Edward VII., he became the patron saint of every child then in attendance in the elementary schools in the city, by presenting each with a bank-book showing a shilling deposit to its credit. Again, in the month of April, 1906, in order to celebrate his fiftieth birthday, all the children who had since joined the schools were also presented with similar bank-books. No better method of practically inculcating thrift could have been devised; and in proof of this it may be said that the majority of these fortunate young people not only treasure their Brotherton bank-books to the present time, but show a healthy rivalry in keeping up small periodical deposits.

On the succession of Lord Milton (who had represented Wakefield for several years), to the Earldom of Fitzwilliam, Mr. Brotherton was, on Lady-day, 1902, returned triumphantly as Conservative Member for Wakefield, by the record majority of 981, against a strong Socialist opponent; and in the November following, he was also elected Mayor and Chief Magistrate of the city, with his niece, Miss Ratcliffe, as Mayoress, and was also allocated an Aldermanic seat. The year of his Mayoralty was, in a social sense, one of singular brilliance. As proof of his rare popularity and hold in the hearts of the electorate, he still retained his seat in the three-cornered contest which took place at the general election, in January, 1906, but naturally, with a decreased majority, which was then 217. In January, 1907, he was selected by the Lord Chancellor as a member of the West Riding County Bench.


Mr. Brotherton spends the greater part of his time at his delightful country seat, Arthington Hall, situated on one of the most picturesque spots in the lovely, winding valley of the Wharfe, his charmingly wooded park and beautifully kept gardens being, during the summer months, a favourite picnicing resort for friendly, religious, social and other societies. There political friends and foes are alike made equally welcome.

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As a speaker Mr. Brotherton scores best, perhaps, when he confines himself to a purely conversational style; and he is in constant request as Chairman at dinners, and other social functions. Hunting and shooting are his favourite pastimes; and whenever he secures a good bag, it is always freely distributed among his friends.



Thomas Wm. Nussey, Esq., B.A., M.P.

HERE are few Members of Parliament with a more charming personality than the sitting Member for the ancient Borough of Pontefract, Yorkshire; and in all the broad-acred County there are still fewer who are more genial, more sociable, more approachable than he. It must not be assumed, however, that Mr. Nussey lacks grit. The stand he took recently on the Land Tenure Bill proves the contrary, if proof were necessary. He comes of "gritty" stock, his honoured father, Thomas Nussey, Esq., of Bramley Grange, Yorkshire, being one of the founders of an important commercial undertaking and a pioneer of technical education in the County.

Born in 1868, Mr. William Nussey is still under forty—a tall, handsome man in the prime of life. He graduated B.A. at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, being at one time President of its debating club; was called to the Bar in 1893; had his political baptism in fighting the forlorn hope of the Liberal Party at Maidstone in 1892, being entertained to a complimentary banquet there later; in the middle of 1893 was elected for Pontefract, after the unseating of his college friend, Mr. Harold James Reckitt; and eventually was elected a member of the Eighty Club.

The hon. gentleman's representation of Pontefract has been of the happiest. Indeed, it is not too much to say that he is beloved of his constituents, who have returned him with ever-increasing majorities. Mr. Nussey

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is a good speaker and platform helper, an assiduous and able worker on committees in the House of Commons, speaks in the House occasionally, and is greatly esteemed in every connexion; and in his devoted partner in life—the daughter of the late T. Daniel, Esq., of Saxifield, Scarboro', whom he married in October of 1897—he has a happy helpmeet, one who fully sympathises with his political and social work and ambitions, whether at their delightful place, “Rushwood,” Tanfield near Ripon, or in the busier scenes of Westminster.

Mr. Nussey has his hobbies and recreations, is fond of horses, and is a member of the Bramham Hunt; but these are not allowed to interfere with his duties to his constituents, which are discharged with thoroughness and for the public good; the hon. gentleman is a public servant first, and a country gentleman afterwards.



Hamar Greenwood, Esq., M.P.



R. HAMAR GREENWOOD, the senior and Liberal Member of Parliament for York, is a six-foot tall Canadian, with a slight twang reminiscent of the West, and the possessor of that great gift, the saving grace of humour. He was born nearly thirty-seven years ago in the town of Whitby, situated some thirty miles east of Toronto, on the north shore of Lake Ontario.

His father, a well-known Canadian barrister, was by birth an Englishman; and his mother was of that United Empire loyalist stock which is to the Canadian what the Pilgrim Father stock is to the American. Her American ancestor was one of those British soldiers who lived in the New England Colonies until the Stars and Stripes supplanted the Union Jack, when, with thousands of other loyalists, he moved into Canada to live and die under the old flag.

After graduating at the Toronto University, Mr. Greenwood came to England, and, for some fourteen years or so, has been taking an active part in public affairs. Formerly an officer in the Canadian Militia, he is now in command of the Canadian troops of the King's Colonial Imperial Yeomanry, of which the Prince of Wales is the distinguished head. As one of the heads of the Canadian Society in London, Mr. Greenwood is naturally a keen enthusiast on all Colonial matters, and when Mr. Winston Churchill became Under Secretary for the Colonies he appointed the senior Member for York his Parliamentary Secretary.

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It is given to some men to be fortunate enough to find the road through life made interesting by notable incidents, and by the elements of romance. The Liberal member for York is one of these lucky men. His invitation to contest the city was one of those happy incidents. He was asked to take the place of a distinguished politician, whose illness prevented him from making the speech of the evening. Although a perfect stranger to York, Mr. Greenwood's obvious sincerity and stirring speech so appealed to the Liberals of the historic capital of the broad-acred shire that he was forthwith invited to champion their cause. He did so, and had the satisfaction of finding his name at the top of the list when the result of the polling was declared in January of 1906.

Mr. Greenwood is very popular with his constituents, and after his exciting experiences in the earthquake at Jamaica, received a host of congratulations from his numerous friends on his safe return. The cheery Member For York, in the short time he has been in the House of Commons, has made himself quite a favourite, and those in a position to judge declare that few M.P.'s in so brief a Parliamentary experience have become so well known and so universally liked.

Mr. Greenwood, who has the distinction of having polled more votes than any other Parliamentary representative of the city of York, is a member of Gray's Inn; a Freemason; a Journalist; a member of the National Liberal Club; and a happy platform speaker. He declares that England wants "Canadianising," and in spite of his long residence in the Motherland he maintains the breeziness and optimism characteristic of our self-governing Colonials.

He is unmarried, and a great favourite with the ladies in his constituency. During the election Mr. Greenwood vowed he would never wed until he became M.P. for York. The self-imposed ban has long since been removed, but Mr. Greenwood still retains the freedom of single-blessedness.

Last year he revisited Canada, and was greatly lionised, especially in Whitby and Toronto.

G. D. Faber, Esq., M.P.

ONE of the most popular of York's representatives ever returned to the House of Commons is Mr. George Denison Faber, the city's present junior and Conservative M.P. He succeeded Lord Charles Beresford in a memorable bye-election fought in 1900, when he defeated the Master of Elibank, and at once became a prime favourite with all classes of citizens.

"I have no eloquent tongue that charms all hearts," he told the first election audience he addressed, "but I can claim to be a plain Yorkshireman bred and born. a Yorkshireman on both sides of the family, and a Yorkshireman close at heart."

It need scarcely be said that Mr. Faber has most successfully charmed the hearts of his constituents ever since the day he became member of the historic Roman city, and very proud he is to sit at Westminster as its representative. Some time before the last General Election his health gave way, and he was ordered a complete rest and change. He at once placed his resignation in the hands of his party, but they unanimously declined to accept it, and endorsed the opinion of his medical man that he should take an extended holiday. a line of action in which citizens of all shades of political opinion acquiesced.

Mr. G. D. Faber was born in 1852, and his mother was a sister of the late Lord Grimthorpe. He was educated at Marlborough, where he captained the cricket eleven, and at the University College, Oxford. In 1879 he was called

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to the Bar, but did not practise, and was made Registrar of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in 1887, which position he held until 1896.

About this time he succeeded to considerable wealth under the will of the late Mr. Andrew Montagu, of Ingmanthorpe Hall, near Wetherby. This large fortune brought with it certain obligations in regard to Covent Garden Opera, but of these he has now divested himself, and has been able to give considerable attention to the Turf, on which, however, he has not been so successful as his costly investments in horseflesh have deserved.

Mr. Faber is a thorough sportsman, which is declared to be an inherent quality in every Yorkshireman. On the Turf he always runs to win, and races for the pure sport of the thing. Of late years he has been one of the familiar figures at the historic Gimcrack dinner held at York, and was once known to entertain a distinguished company of "Cracksmen" to an excellent vocal divertisement. Indeed, if Mr. Faber had not been a wealthy man he could have quite easily won a comfortable livelihood in the concert hall.

Large are the claims upon Mr. Faber's time in York, and he does his best to meet the exacting demands of his constituents. One evening you may see him figuring at a "smoker" at a workmen's or political club, associating with the members of the amateur theatrical societies, or taking his part in a civic function. It is all the same to genial Mr. Faber. He is quite at home in every instance, and naturally immensely popular.

In 1895 he married Hilda Georgina, the youngest daughter of the late Sir Frederick Graham, Bart., of Netherby. His town residence is 14, Grosvenor Square, and his clubs are the Carlton and United University. He also occasionally resides at Rush Court, Wallingford, and possesses a handsome place at Harrogate.

In 1905 Mr. Faber had conferred upon him the Order of the Companionship of the Bath.



Alderman Bally Langley, M.P.

Alderman Batty Langley, M.P.



WIDELY known as the able and popular Member of Parliament for the Attercliffe Division of Sheffield, Alderman Batty Langley ranks as one of the most active and efficient representatives of the Liberal and Radical party. He is a fluent speaker and a forcible debater. The honourable gentleman always infuses unmistakable energy and earnestness into every subject which he takes up, and as he is invariably careful to study all the facts connected with a question, he is consequently in a position to make out a strong, if not an absolutely convincing, case. For this reason his opinions, although of course not satisfactory to everybody, have at least the merits of candour and common sense. Whilst firmly supporting, too, that which he considers to be right and just, and thoroughly outspoken in controversy, Mr. Batty Langley is never bigoted or unduly harsh; and in addition to treating those who may differ from him on any point with every courtesy he takes care never to say anything that would leave room for anyone to question the sincerity of his convictions. A large-hearted gentleman, he is possessed of broad sympathies, and is the soul of honour.

Born in 1834 at Uppingham, Rutland, Alderman Langley, M.P., is the son of the late Thomas Langley, of that town, and was educated at Uppingham School. He came to Sheffield in the fifties, and in 1863 commenced business on his own account as a timber merchant, and is now proprietor of the Sheaf Saw Mills. Took to public work on the Liberal and Nonconformist side as a young man, and some years ago was honoured with the presentation on

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completion of fifty years connection with Queen Street Congregational Church and Sunday School.

Mr. Langley entered the Sheffield Council in 1871, and is now one of its four oldest members; he became Alderman 1890, and Mayor 1892-93. During his year of office as Mayor of Sheffield, the great dispute in the coal trade commenced, and he suggested and held a conference of five Mayors (Sheffield, Barnsley, Leeds, Bradford, and Derby), who took steps to bring the coal-owners and miners together with a view of settling the dispute; but the struggle continued some weeks longer. In the following year, 1894, by the death of Lord Coleridge, his son, the Hon. Bernard Coleridge, vacated his seat in Parliament for the Attercliffe Division, and Alderman Langley was chosen as the Liberal candidate. Besides his Conservative opponent, Mr. G. Hill Smith, there was a candidate, Mr. Frank Smith, put forward by the Independent Labour Party. The three-cornered contest, which attracted attention throughout the country, was very bitterly fought, but it resulted in a victory for Alderman Langley by nearly a thousand votes over his Conservative opponent; but the Labour vote was 1,294. Since then the division has not been contested, and Alderman Langley still represents it. Alderman Langley has occupied nearly all positions of public trust open to citizens of Sheffield. He is a Justice of the Peace for both city and county.

A gratifying feature of Alderman Langley's Parliamentary life has been, and is, his regular attendance. If every member were as devoted to his duties at St. Stephen's as is the worthy Alderman, the division lists would be appreciably swollen, and the anxiety and strain on the Party whips sensibly lessened. Mr. Langley's ardent services to his constituents in the House of Commons arise less from mere partisanship, than from a desire to safeguard and advance the interests of his entire constituency. He is, as already stated, a very popular M.P., and is much liked in the Division he represents so exceptionally well in the House of Commons.

His residence is Langhill, Manchester Road, Sheffield, and his club, the National Liberal, London.

A. J. Sherwell, Esq., M.P.

IN these days of social controversy the country is undoubtedly in need of such minds as that of Mr. Arthur James Sherwell, M.P. for Huddersfield.

Mr. Sherwell, who is a member of a West Country family, was born in London in 1863, and has devoted a considerable portion of his studious and busy life to research into social questions. Although his family were members of the Church of England, the subject of this sketch attached himself to the Wesleyan body, and entered the Handsworth College, Birmingham, to prepare himself for the Ministry. After labouring in the Bromsgrove and Brighouse circuits, he joined the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes in West London, and in 1893-4, took charge of the mission which centred around Princes Hall, Piccadilly. He then severed his active connection with the Wesleyan Ministry, and in consequence of the deplorable social conditions into which he had had an insight, he subsequently applied his keen brain wholly to social research.

Mr. Sherwell is the possessor of a fluent and graceful literary style, and the results of three years' investigation in London, and further exhaustive personal observation in the poverty stricken regions of Edinburgh, were two sterling Works—"Life in West London," and "Edinburgh Investigations." His books have commanded the attention of social reformers connected with all political parties. His views, too, upon, and facts about, Licensing reform, which appear in "The Temperance Problem and Social Reform" (a Work he

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produced in conjunction with Mr. Joseph Rowntree, of York), have also been eagerly seized upon, and are greatly valued by those interested in this important matter.

Mr. Sherwell is a brilliant and convincing orator. On the occasion of the Parliamentary bye-election in Huddersfield in November last, when a vacancy was created by the appointment of Sir J. T. Woodhouse, the then sitting Member as a Commissioner of Railways, Mr. Sherwell, on the invitation of the Liberal Party offered himself to the Constituency for Parliamentary honours, and gained them against two able opponents, not to speak of the lady suffragists! He despises personalities on the platform, and with his inexhaustive fund of information on burning questions of the day can well afford to ignore and dispense with either acrimonious or bantering criticisms of individuals.

Mr. Sherwell possesses a potent personality which inspires respect, confidence, and friendliness; and he is esteemed by political friends and opponents alike. He has travelled extensively having twice voyaged round the world, and is a charming and instructive companion.

Mr. Sherwell's favourite sport is cricket, and he is a sincere admirer of George Herbert Hirst, the famous Yorkshire player, who resides at Kirkheaton, just outside the boundary of Mr. Sherwell's Constituency.

Mr. Sherwell's address is 57, Great Russell Street, London.



Colonel J. Menzies Clayhills, J.P., F.R.G.S.

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ALTHOUGH not now residing in Yorkshire, Colonel James Menzies Clayhills is a J.P. for the North Riding, having held this position since 1879; and it is also interesting to record that he represented Whitby on the North Riding County Council for the first three years of its existence.

Very correctly may it be stated that Colonel Menzies Clayhills is a gallant officer and an estimable gentleman. On all hands he is esteemed for his courtesy and his integrity. He is an excellent type of alike the courageous soldier and the honourable English magistrate; a gentleman of sound judgment in the manifold affairs of life; methodical and just; bright and cheerful to optimism; and at all times he has a genial smile for his friends and acquaintances, whether of high or low estate. His broad sympathies and mellowed mind enable him to see good in most men, and in the affairs of daily life he enjoys the confidence, and goodwill of them all. Perhaps the best panegyric that can be pronounced upon the gallant Colonel is that he has always endeavoured to earnestly and creditably do his duty, and to maintain unsullied the escutcheon of his family.

Assuredly the poet's taunt, "They little know of England who only England know," does not apply to the distinguished subject of this Sketch. Like so many other English officers, naval and military, Colonel Menzies Clayhills is a travel-informed gentleman. He has visited many parts of the British Empire, and also various Foreign Countries. He can thus vividly

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realise, in a manner that the mere home-staying man never can know, how literally true is the boast that England's Empire is one on which the sun never sets.

Very interesting and brilliant has been Colonel Menzies Clayhill's military career, which reminds us how justly proud England may be of her many gallant sons who have nobly risked health and life in her service. Many a time and oft their deeds of valour and daring have been told in song and story, and never will Englishmen tire of hearing of the exploits of their gallant countrymen who have upheld Britain's honour and prestige amid the *sturm* and *drang* of the "battle and the breeze."

Late of the 1st Battalion 7th Royal Fusiliers, Colonel Menzies Clayhill has served with the Regiment at Gibraltar, Malta, Quebec, Canada, Central India, and Aden, Arabia. He also served with distinction in the Crimea during the war with Russia (1854-1855), in the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, and was present in the trenches before Sebastapol at the attack on the Redan, 8th September, 1855, and was also present at the Fall of Sebastapol on the following day. He gallantly carried the Colours of the Regiment at the battle of Balaclava on October 25th, 1854, when they the now historic "Thin red Line" (the bravest of the brave)—received the charge of the Russian Cavalry in Line, and came off victors.

Thus, after a very arduous and active military career, Colonel Menzies Clayhill is deservedly entitled to lead the life of a typical country gentleman, and to find well-earned repose and pleasure in those rural sights and sounds which, as Cowper phrases it, "exhilarate the spirits and restore the tone of languid nature." The gallant Colonel, it may be here mentioned, resides on his own beautiful Estate, Bourne Grange, near Tonbridge, Kent, and is much esteemed in the neighbourhood. Incidentally, too, it may be stated that he is brother to the present head of the family of Clayhills, of Invergowie, Forfarshire.

Col. J. Menzies Clayhill was born at Gainford, Co. Durham, and educated at the Royal Academy, Gosport, Hants; and married Eugenia, the

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daughter of Vice-Admiral George Edward Watts, C.B., late of Newbus Grange, Co. Durham.

In politics the gallant Colonel is a strong Unionist, but previous to Mr. Gladstone's introduction of Home Rule he was an active Liberal. Party Government, we suppose, there must be; and it almost seems to be a law of nature that the great Unionist and Conservative camp should draw no inconsiderable portion of its numerical strength from officers who, having served their country, like Colonel Menzies Clayhills, in various parts of the world, have settled down in the land which made a home for their ancestors.





Captain Godfrey Armytage, D.L., J.P.

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HANDSOME Government pension has, in many cases, a surprisingly potent effect in lengthening the limit of human life, and Captain Godfrey Armytage, one of the Grand Old Men of the West Riding, may be taken as a pertinent instance. He, for one, has, at any rate, acquired the art of growing old gracefully. Although an octogenarian, he still carries his years with a good deal of youthful vigour and buoyancy.

Captain, Armytage, who resides at Carr Lodge, Horbury, near Wakefield, is a brother of Sir George Armytage, the fifth Baronet, and uncle of the present Baronet. He served in the Kaffir Wars in 1846-7 and 1850-3. At the close of the Kaffir War in 1848 he was appointed by Sir Henry Smith, the then Governor of the Colony, Superintendent of one of the Military villages, viz., Woburn, which is about six miles from Alui. Having established that village with about 90 men discharged from the 90th Light Infantry, he found that the Kaffirs were preparing fast for a trial of strength with the British. He warned the Governor, but as it was polite not to suppose such an event, he decided to retire from his attempt at colonization, and rejoined his Regiment, the 6th Royal Warwickshires. It was not long before the events he expected occurred, for on the 24th of December, 1850, the war broke out without warning to the settlers, and Captain Armytage was engaged with his Regiment at the Bomah Pass in the Annatola Mountains.

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The next day, Christmas Day, the whole of the Military settlers were killed. A memorial to their memory was put up at Alui only last year by the Regiment (the 90th), to which they had belonged. Captain Armytage was wounded severely a year later, and eventually returned from the 6th Regiment, when he was made Adjutant of the 6th West Yorkshire Militia on its first formation, where he served eleven years, and raised over 3,880 men from Militia to Line reserves. On October, 1863, he was elected Governor of Wakefield Prison.

No one was more familiar with the system of raising the Militia than Captain Armytage. Raising a Militia Regiment in that day meant the organising of the Regiment from a single unit, including the clothing and arming of the Corps. The Adjutant in those days was also Quarter-Master and Paymaster, and Musketry Instructor.

On retirement from the office of Governor of Wakefield Prison, Captain Armytage was made a Justice of the Peace for the West Riding of Yorkshire in 1882; and he has also been a Deputy Lieutenant of the West Riding of Yorkshire since 1854.

He was appointed Governor of H.M. Prison, Wakefield, in 1864, a position which he held with distinct credit until the end of the year 1881. His father's long connection with the Prison as a Visiting Magistrate afforded Captain Armytage an excellent opportunity of familiarising himself with the onerous duties connected with the position of Governor. His reign was, in many ways, a singularly beneficent and reformatory one. Making a special study of the welfare of the prisoners, he devised sundry methods of ameliorating their condition which former generations had never dreamt of. New quarters were provided, for instance, for emergency cases, the dietary table was thoroughly overhauled, and the stringent system of silence was considerably modified. The cells underwent a process of regular inspection, and the art of photography was utilised in tracing the antecedents of the prisoners. The staff was reorganised, and the prison rules were altogether recast. In the year 1866, a sum of £2,000 was granted for structural alterations; aerated

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bread was introduced, and a daily service by a Roman Catholic Priest was sanctioned by the Visiting Justices.

In 1869, the Bishop of Ripon (Dr Bickersteth), preached at the Prison, and, on the following day, the Committee voted £50 towards the provision of a Female Industrial Home, and an Industrial Home for Discharged Female Prisoners, in the work of which Captain Armytage has evinced the keenest interest up to the present time. Mrs. Armytage was appointed Honorary Lady Superintendent for life. Since his resignation, in 1881, Captain Armytage has, in various ways, loyally supported his wife in the management of this establishment, which, governed by a Committee of Magistrates and others, has done an immense amount of really good work, having been the means of rescuing hundreds of women who, without it, might have drifted into lifelong careers of criminality.

At the Social Science Congress, held in 1873, Captain Armytage contributed a valuable paper on "Labour in Prisons." In this he ably discussed the question from various points of view, and, in conclusion, considered the position which industrial labour should occupy. "Let it be fully recognised by the law," he said, "and all impediments to its development removed; let prisoners themselves see they have a direct interest in the work; and in place of speaking of it with bated breath, let prison authorities clearly see that, consistent with strict discipline and the rigid enforcement of hard labour, the more remunerative prisoners' labour can be made, the more faithfully do they perform their duty. Then we may hope to see some approach to the solution of the question, 'Can prisoners' work be made self-supporting?'"

No less than 48,500 commitments went through his hands, besides about 4,000 prisoners from London and 3,000 Military prisoners. Captain Armytage was also Governor of the Convict Department from 1864 to 1878, from which he was retired by abolition of office on pension.

Released from official duty, Captain Armytage began a heroic experiment in model farming, but, as events proved, he came too early in the field in this particular direction, and after some years he decided to live in retire-

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ment, and left The Court, Ackworth, near Pontefract, to take up his present residence at Carr Lodge.

Although a staunch Conservative, Captain Armytage has never seemed to take a very active interest in politics. Although one of the oldest of the West Riding Justices, he is now rarely seen upon the Bench, excepting at Quarter Sessions, which he rarely misses. As a ship owner, Captain Armytage spends a good deal of his leisure time in sea voyages to the Continent and elsewhere in vessels in which he is interested. He is greatly respected by all whose privilege it is to know him.





Captain Richard Hill, J.P.

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DWELLERS in Thornton—or, to give it its correct title, Thornton le-dale—have one proud boast, that their home is in the “prettiest village in Yorkshire”; and the claim is, indeed, a good one. Few more delightful spots exist in the fair county of Yorkshire, and for true rusticity the beautiful spot will bear comparison with most places in England. Its situation is truly delightful, on the railway between Pickering and Scarborough, and at any time it is the abode of peace. Visited on a summer’s day it bespeaks itself as one of the fairest spots on a fair earth.

In such a charming place, it is only to be expected that the home of its principal resident will be beautiful, and the home of Captain Richard Hill, J.P., the subject of this Sketch, is most favoured in being located in such a lovely district.

Owning Whitby as his birthplace, Captain Hill first saw the light on the 14th November, 1877, during the residence of his family at Stakesby—a time when Whitby people grew to regard with very deep feeling the late Major R. Hill, D.L., J.P., the owner of the Thornton and Ellerburn estates, to which Captain Hill succeeded a comparatively short time ago.

Captain Hill was educated at Repton School, where he had a distinguished career, and on taking up his residence at Thornton Hall his abilities were quickly recognised, and in 1900 he was placed on the Commission of the

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Peace for the North Riding. For some time he was a Lieutenant in the Second Volunteer Battalion of the Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own Yorkshire Regiment—the "Old nineteenth"—but he now holds company rank in the Fourth Battalion of the Regiment, and served at the Depot, during 1900-1902—the time of the Boer War, and did excellent service in an administrative capacity.

It is only in the remote districts that the true Squire of the olden days—or a modernised Englishman who has taken his place—still has sway; and in Thornton-le-dale, Captain Hill fulfils the title of "Squire," with which his surname is most often prefixed. He concerns himself chiefly with the affairs of his home and the estates of Thornton and Ellersburn, of which he is Lord of the Manor, and he is also patron of the living of Thornton with its pretty church, in keeping with the character of the village.

In politics, when he finds it necessary to demonstrate his views, Captain Hill ranges himself on the side of the Conservative Party, and is a Vice-President of the Whitby Division Central Conservative Association; but politics play a very small part in his life, the affairs of home and village being much more congenial to him.

He is fond of all kinds of sports, and extends his patronage to all worthy objects whose interests are centred near his home. The welfare of his neighbours are very close to his heart, and in his wide sphere Captain Hill ever seeks to follow the precept which enjoins upon those who have the opportunity to do all the good they can, in all the ways they can, to all the people they can—a worthy object which he worthily and zealously carries out.



Arthur Grey, Esq., J.P., D.L.

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BOTH in the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire Mr. Arthur Grey, D.L., J.P., of Sutton Hall, near Easingwold, is well known and highly esteemed. Born in Grosvenor Square, London, he was educated at Eton and the University College, Oxford, and afterwards studied for the law. In 1867 he was admitted to Lincoln's Inn.

A staunch and consistent supporter of the Conservative and Constitutional cause, Mr. Grey was elected for the Howdenshire Division of the East Riding in 1885. and retained the seat for seven years. In 1892 he decided to quit the active field of party politics, and did not seek re-election. Howdenshire, however, remained true to Unionism, and returned Sir W. H. Wilson-Todd, his opponent being a strong local candidate in the person of Sir James T. Woodhouse, of Hull, who afterwards became member for Huddersfield.

Mr. Grey has devoted a good deal of his time to administrative county work. For some years he has been Chairman of the East Riding Quarter Sessions, and his complete legal knowledge has gained for him the thorough confidence of his colleagues on the Bench. In all his decisions he has invariably endeavoured to temper justice with mercy. Mr. Grey is also an Alderman on the North Riding County Council.

He was better known to the older generation as Mr. Arthur Duncombe, but in 1905 assumed, by Royal Licence, the name of Grey. He married

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Katherine H. V., daughter of the late Mr. Henry J. Milbank and Lady Margaret Milbank, who was a sister of the seventh Earl of Stamford.

Sutton Hall is pleasantly situated about seven miles distant from York, on the fringe of the ancient Forest of Galtres, which, of course, has long been converted into arable and grass land. Sutton-on-Forest is a pretty village, and is not without a link connecting it with the historic past. The famous Lawrence Sterne once held the living here.

Bradgate Park, Leicester, also belongs to Mr. Grey, and his club is the Carlton.





Frederick Bacon Frank, Esq., D.L., J.T.

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IF there is one gentleman more than another to whom Yorkshiremen, and especially South Yorkshiremen, owe a deep debt of gratitude for services consistently and ungrudgingly rendered, that gentleman is Frederick Bacon Frank, Esq., D.L., J.P., of Campsall Park, Doncaster. For nearly half a century, now, he has taken part in the work of his native shire, and in almost every department has rendered valuable assistance.

Mr. Frederick Bacon Frank is the son of the late Mr. Robert Bacon Frank. He was born in 1827, some four years after his father's death. Towards the end of the sixties Mr. Bacon Frank was placed on the list of the Justices of the Peace, and it may be said that from this time his public service began. As an ex-officio member he soon made his mark on the local Board of Guardians (Doncaster), where, on any leading question, his advice was always acceptable. From Vice-Chairman, he, owing to the failing eyesight of the then Chairman, Mr. Thomas Walker, was raised to the position of Chairman and from that time to some two years ago, held the position with marked courtesy and ability.

In 1872 Mr. Bacon Frank was selected as Sheriff of the County, and those now living will remember the enthusiasm that was displayed on his leaving Campsall for his first visit to York after his appointment.

When the Bill establishing County Councils came into being, Mr. Bacon Frank was one of the first selected to represent the locality, the Bentley

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Division, in the Shire Assembly. Here, too, his qualities were soon recognised, and for several years up to his retirement Mr. Frank held the position of Vice-Chairman of this august body. His retirement, both from the County Council and the Board of Guardians, was received with general regret.

Mr. Frank has been twice married. The first Mrs. Frank was Mary Anne, the eldest daughter of the late Sir R. W. Walker, and the present Mrs. Frank is a daughter of the late Rev. Frederick William Peel, for many years Rector of Burnwallis, and who was the chief instrument of the church being erected at Moss.

Mr. Bacon Frank is a Conservative in politics, and is held in genuine regard by all whose pleasure it is to know him.



H. F. Beaumont, Esq., J.P., D.L.



R. HENRY FREDERICK BEAUMONT, J.P., D.L., of Whitley Beaumont, Huddersfield, who is also the owner of Tetworth, Ascot, Berks, where he now resides, is an ideal English gentleman. His tastes are English, and his heart is English, and it is a genuine pleasure to have been in his company.

He can claim a lineage which renders his own personality of more than ordinary interest, and visitors to the Beaumont Chapel, in the ancient Parish Church of Kirkheaton, will see a collection of ancient war weapons which bear testimony to the exciting and historical times in which Mr. Beaumont's ancestors lived. Mr. Beaumont is decidedly popular with his Yorkshire tenants, and has a cheery recognition for old acquaintances, however humble.

Mr. Beaumont is generous to a degree, and to him the citizens of Huddersfield are indebted for the lovely spot known as Beaumont Park, which has become one of the principal attractions of the town.

The subject of this sketch was educated at Eton, and Trinity College, Cambridge. He married Miss Maria Johanna, daughter of Captain Garforth, R.N., of Wiganthorpe, York.

In politics, Mr. Beaumont is a Liberal, but is not in favour of Home Rule. He has been a fearless fighter in the cause he espouses, and is an effective speaker. He was M.P. for the Southern Division of the West Riding from 1865 to 1874; while from 1885 to 1892 he sat for the Colne Valley, which

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until recently, was represented by Sir James Kitson, Bart., who has since been created a Peer, and is now known as Lord Airedale.

Mr. Beaumont is passionately fond of health-giving out-door pursuits. He is an excellent shot, and a keen golfer.

The Huddersfield Volunteer Battalion owes much to him. He became officer in command upon its formation, and did not retire until he had earned his V.D.

Mr. Beaumont is a member of Brooks' and the Turf Clubs, and is also J.P. for the North Riding, Co. York, and Kesteven Division of Lincolnshire.





Cecil Edmund Lister-Kaye, Esq., J.P., D.L.

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AMONG the typical families of Yorkshire the Lister-Kayes have long held a position of acknowledged distinction. And the best traditions of the family are very worthily represented by Mr. Cecil Edmund Lister-Kaye, of Denby Grange, near Wakefield. Second son of Mr. Lister Lister-Kaye, who died in the year 1855, by the daughter of the first Earl of Cottenham, he is brother and heir presumptive to Sir John Pepys Lister-Kaye, the third Baronet.

Born at London in 1854, Mr. Lister-Kaye was educated at Eton and Magdalene College, Cambridge; and in 1880 he married Lady Beatrice Pelham Clinton, eldest daughter of the sixth Duke of Newcastle.

He is a D.L. and J.P. of the West Riding; and, among other things, he takes a keen and active interest in matters political, being at the present time the popular President of the Normanton Division Conservative Association. At the general election of 1900 he essayed to contest the Division against the late Mr. Ben Pickard, "the darling of the Yorkshire Miners' Association," who triumphantly held the seat against several conspicuously strong and able Conservative candidates. Mr. Lister-Kaye fared no better than his predecessors; and, indeed, constituted as it is, it is not surprising to find that the Division still continues to be represented by a nominee of the Miners' Association.

Under the able leadership of Mr. A. W. Stanfield, then President of the Normanton Division Conservative Association, Mr. Lister-Kaye made, however, a really plucky fight on behalf of the Unionist and Imperialist cause,

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the whole of his speeches being characterised by the true Constitutional ring.

Lady Beatrice Lister-Kaye is also an enthusiastic politician, having been for several years Dame President of the local Habitation of the Primrose League. In addition to this, she is a devoted philanthropic worker, taking an especial interest in the welfare of both operative and friendless girls.

Apart from his magisterial duties, Mr. Lister-Kaye, when at home, is content, for the most part, to live the quieter life of a country gentleman. In addition to a keen interest in agricultural pursuits, he manifests his sympathy with all kinds of manly sports, and contributes freely, but unostentatiously, to religious, philanthropic, and other objects calculated to promote the general welfare of the community. He is no popularity hunter, and the everyday domestic felicities are far more to his liking than the worries and the often thankless compensations of public life.





William T. Hustler, Esq., D.L., J.P.

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THE influential subject of this sketch is both a Deputy-Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace for the North Riding of Yorkshire, and enjoys the respect and esteem of all whose pleasure it is to know him, for his uniform courtesy and sympathetic nature have always been conspicuous, while his sense of fairness and justice have never failed him.

Born in 1823, at Aclam Hall, Middlesbro-on-Tees, Mr. Hustler has witnessed many an industrial revolution, which, though accomplished peacefully and bloodlessly, have exercised no lesser influence on the entire commercial world than those occasioned by the Napoleonic wars. In his time he has, of course, seen the application of steam to locomotion, the introduction of gas for lighting purposes, electric light, penny postage and telegraphs, telephones and wireless telegraphy, and has also watched the rapid advance of education. Mr. Hustler, too, has always borne the reputation of being both a very able and a very agreeable gentleman, and has endeavoured to perform thoroughly and creditably the various public and private duties that have from time to time devolved upon him.

Seneca says, "Life is a voyage, in the progress of which we are perpetually changing our scenes; we first leave childhood behind us, then youth, then the years of ripened manhood, then the better and more pleasing part of old age." It is "this better and more pleasing part of old age" that Mr. William T. Hustler, D.L., J.P., is now enjoying, and coming as it does after

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years which have been well spent in honourable public service, it is attended with a calm and tranquility which has been most truly merited.

Quite correctly, too, it may be stated that Mr. Hustler's private acts of kindness, in directions likely to prove of real benefit, have been many, although always quietly performed, and have left behind them memorials of good, of which, though, it frequently happens that "the cause is secret, yet the effect is known." Mr. Hustler always prefers to act upon the principle of not letting the right hand know what the left hand does. It may, indeed, be said to be a golden rule which influences his generous heart; while from the garishness of all avoidable publicity he shrinks with characteristic delicacy.

In politics, Mr. Hustler is a Liberal-Unionist; and it may also be mentioned that he is Lord of the Manor of Worsall and of Acklam, and also Patron.

By way of sport, he is very fond of shooting, at which he is a very experienced and expert hand.

Mr. Hustler married, first (in 1851), Anna Maria, only daughter (who died in 1892) of the late Rev. T. W. Richards; and, secondly (in 1893), Harriet, youngest daughter (who died in 1906) of the late Henry Badley, Esq., of Glandwr, Corwen, N. Wales.

Honoured and esteemed by all who know him for a character which has always been distinguished for uprightness and loyalty to duty, Mr. Hustler's life presents a very enviable picture, for while the calm evening of life has for him, as for others, its shadows, it has also for him its pleasant and radiant reflections, and—

That which should accompany old age—
As honour, love, obedience, troops of friends.

Mr. Hustler now resides at Sladnor Park, Teignmouth, S. Devon; but he also has seats known as Acklam Hall, Middlesbro-on-Tees, and Newsham Hall, Winston-on-Tees. As a matter of historical interest it is well worthy of mention that Acklam Hall is very old, and has been held by the Hustler family ever since 1637; Sir William Hustler, who was Knighted by King Charles II. in

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1673, added to it considerably in 1683. Acklam is so named from the oaks which formerly surrounded it. Equally noteworthy and interesting is the fact that in 1511 one of Mr. Hustler's ancestors shot Sir Andrew Barton, the famous Scotch pirate, for which act he was Knighted by King Henry VIII.





W. H. A. Wharton, Esq., D.L., J.P., V.D.

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ORKSHIRE is indeed fortunate in its brilliant bead-roll of social and political Leaders, but few enjoy in their own districts more respect and esteem than Mr. William Henry Anthony Wharton, D.L., J.P., V.D., of Skelton Castle, Skelton-in-Cleveland, who may be correctly characterised as a typical country Squire and an ardent sportsman. He is a gentleman of many estimable qualities and is generous-hearted, cordial and upright. He takes a deep personal interest in everything appertaining to his estate and to his neighbourhood in general, and bears the reputation of being a most considerate landlord. He is the principal landowner in the district, and Lord of the Manor.

Possessed of a high sense of duty, Mr. Wharton has always been pleased to expend his time, means and influence for the good of those around him, and has proved himself a genuine friend to more than one deserving local movement, while it must be readily admitted that he has ever endeavoured to most worthily maintain the best traditions of his family, which has been honourably established in Yorkshire for a considerable period.

In 1899 Mr. Wharton generously built the Skelton Literary Institute at a cost of £2,000, the Institute containing billiard, games, reading and Committee Rooms in addition to a large Hall. That the Institute is greatly appreciated and a gratifying success is amply proved by the fact that it now possesses over 600 members.

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Mr. W. H. A. Wharton is a D.L. and J.P., for the North Riding of Yorkshire; and, in politics, is a pronounced Conservative.

He was born in 1859, and is the only son of the late J. T. Wharton, Esq., D.L., J.P., of Skelton Castle, who died in 1900. He married firstly (in 1888) Harriet E. second daughter (died 1894) of the Rev. C. B. Yeoman, Vicar of Manfield, Yorks; and secondly, Mr. Wharton married (in 1895) Elizabeth S. M., only daughter of the late Rev. R. J. Harrison, of Caerhowell, Mont.

From 1890 Mr. Wharton has been Major of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Yorkshire Regiment, and Honorary Colonel since 1897. He possesses the Volunteer Decoration Order.

In conclusion, we may unhesitatingly state that Mr. Wharton is so highly esteemed by all who know him because, apart from his abilities and kindly instincts, he is as ready to appreciate as to do good service, so resolute and yet so considerate in every combined effort, so firm and yet so tolerant and tactful.

His town residence is 98, Eton Square, S.W., and his clubs the Carlton, Boodle's, and Bachelors.





C. B. E. Wright, Esq., J.P., D.L.

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BY birth a Yorkshireman, having been born at Woodlands, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster, Mr. Charles Booth Elmsall Wright, J.P., is rightly recognised as a gentleman of light and leading in the County of broad acres. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge; and married, in 1870, Edith de Cardounnel, the second daughter of R. W. M. N. Nesfield, Esq., of Castle Hill, Bakewell, Derbyshire.

A Justice of the Peace and Deputy-Lieutenant for the West Riding, and High Sheriff in 1879, Mr. C. E. B. Wright takes much interest in most matters affecting the County, while to his tenants he is particularly considerate, and is highly respected, not only by them, but by his neighbours generally, for he is always happy to be of service whenever he consistently can. Moreover, he has a kindly nature and a sympathetic spirit, and earnestly endeavours to creditably carry out the duties and obligations of his influential position. Hence the universal respect in which he is deservedly held.

Mr. Wright is keenly devoted to sport, and is particularly fond of hunting, driving and gardening. Indeed, notwithstanding his advancing years, he is still a bold rider to hounds, and greatly relishes a dashing spin after Master Reynard; and, possessing as he does very cultured and artistic tastes, he evinces considerable interest, as already indicated, in floriculture; and his beautiful gardens at Bolton Hall most amply testify to this. Indeed, Bolton Hall is celebrated for its lovely pleasure grounds, its fine paintings, and its excellent library.

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Everybody who has the pleasure of Mr. Wright's acquaintance most cordially wishes that he may long enjoy health and strength to occupy the sphere of public and social usefulness which he fills so admirably and honourably. In politics, Mr. Wright is a Conservative.

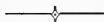




George S. F. Lane-Fox, Esq., J.P.

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(Vice-Chancellor of the Primrose League.)



HERE are few names more honourably and intimately connected with the County of York than the distinguished Lane-Fox family, which has been very influentially established in the "Shire of broad acres" for a considerable period, and has from time to time played no little part in its fortunes. Bramham Park, the beautiful old family seat in the West Riding, is quite one of the "show-places" of the County, and has been the scene of many a famous hospitable gathering. The mansion, which was erected by Lord Bingley, was burned down some eighty years ago, is now being partially rebuilt by its present owner, Mr. George Lane-Fox's nephew, Mr. G. Lane-Fox, M.P., who is himself extremely popular in the County, and represents in Parliament the Barkston Ash division.

The estimable subject of this sketch was born in 1838, and is the eldest son of the late G. Lane-Fox, Esq., D.L., J.P., of Bramham, and married, firstly, in 1870, the daughter of the late General Marcus Slade, and, secondly, in 1879, Mr. Lane-Fox married Annette Mary, daughter of the late Thomas Weld Blundell, Esq., of Ince Blundell Hall, Lancashire.

A highly-respected County Magistrate for the West Riding of Yorkshire, Mr. George Lane-Fox also occupies the important and responsible position of Vice-Chancellor of the Primrose League (with its headquarters in London) which he has done so much to foster and to help to advance to its present state of phenomenal and unparalleled success. He has certainly fulfilled the position with real efficiency, the happiest tact, and most courtly grace. The

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wonderful strides the Primrose League has made since its inception, and the really vast amount of extremely useful political work it has performed, and it is still accomplishing it is not our immediate mission to dilate upon, suffice it to say that it is largely owing to Mr. George Lane-Fox's zealous services, backed worthily by loyal and enthusiastic colleagues, that such triumphant and gratifying results have been attained.

Possessed of distinct intellectual powers, Mr. Lane-Fox is a keen and sturdy Conservative of the good old type, an impressive speaker, and a deep thinker upon the important subjects of the day. He never hurriedly forms a definite opinion upon any important question, but first very carefully weighs it over; and he is conspicuously gifted with sound judgment. He has a high sense of duty, and has ever exerted his time, abilities and influence for the good of those around him. Indeed, Mr. Lane-Fox is a happy instance of the living out of the Shakespearian maxim—"Play well your part, there all the honour lies."

He has undoubtedly been a "tower of strength" to the Conservative Party, and is deservedly held in the highest of esteem by all its Leaders. Justifiably proud of his native County, Mr. Lane-Fox, J.P., although now living in London, continues to take a very deep interest in all Yorkshire affairs, and is not an infrequent visitor to the "home of his early days," where he can always count upon a most cordial welcome. We should not forget to mention that in his time Mr. Lane-Fox has been a really first-rate all-round sportsman, and was for years a bold and devoted rider to hounds, his sporting records being not the least interesting events in a long and active career. He rowed at Eton as Captain of the Boats as far back as 1856, and has frequently climbed Mountains in Switzerland, twice having successfully ascended Mount Blanc, etc., etc.

John Hutton, Esq., J.P., D.L., C.A.



ONE of the best-known and most influential men in the North Riding of Yorkshire is Mr. John Hutton, of Solberge, near North Allerton. For more years than most of the younger generation can remember he has taken a keen interest in public affairs, and has been a familiar figure on the Conservative Benches at Westminster.

It was in 1847 that Mr. Hutton first saw the light of day, and his father died when he was of the age of ten. As soon as he had completed his education he entered upon a public career, being elected M.P. for Northallerton in his twenty-first year, and was at the time the youngest member in the House of Commons. Mr. Hutton continued to represent Northallerton from 1868 to 1874, whilst from 1895 until the last General Election, when he retired, he sat for the Richmond Division of Yorkshire.

Concerning poor law matters and the condition of the aged poor, Mr. Hutton is a recognised authority; and he was the author of the Cottage Homes Bill, which was read a second time in the House of Commons in 1899, and referred to a Select Committee. Articles by him on the Aged Poor have appeared in the "Nineteenth Century" and the "National Review."

Especially to County affairs has Mr. Hutton devoted long and whole-hearted attention. From 1892 until 1899 he was Chairman of the North Riding Quarter Sessions, and presided over the Court with marked ability.

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His decisions were always looked upon as being conspicuously fair-minded, and his justice has ever been tempered with the quality of mercy. Twelve years ago he became Chairman of the North Riding County Council, and as evidence of the assiduous manner in which he has attended to his duties in this respect, it may be mentioned that he has only been absent from his accustomed place at the quarterly meetings once during that period. This is a record which needs some beating, and but for an attack of influenza his attendance sheet would have been unique.

Amongst the many other public offices which Mr. Hutton has filled are those of Honorary Secretary of the Northallerton Cottage Hospital, and Chairman of the Northallerton Agricultural Association, at whose shows he has been a regular attender, and on which occasions his luncheon speeches were always eagerly listened to. At the Wensleydale, Muker, and other live-stock exhibitions in the Richmond Division he has, for many years, been a conspicuous figure. Mr. Hutton became a member of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society in 1871, and a life member in 1894.


He is a D.L. and J.P., as well as a County Alderman for the North Riding, and an ex-Captain in the North York Militia. In 1870 he married the Hon. Caroline Shore, daughter of the second Baron Teignmouth.

The Carlton is Mr. Hutton's favourite club.

Alderman Charles G. Milnes Gaskell, LL.D.
(Leeds), M.A., J.P., D.L.

Chairman of the West Riding County Council.



RABBED age and youth may not be able to live together. Heaven forfend that I should contradict any statement of Shakespeare, but age may be genial and youth may be kindly. Age can have no more honoured privilege than that of putting burdens on the shoulders of willing youth. We ought to do all we can to induce the rising generation to join our ranks, where they may find a welcome and a training ground for their abilities."

Thus spoke Mr. Milnes Gaskell, the highly popular and talented Chairman of the West Riding of Yorkshire County Council, at the meeting of that body, on the 9th of January, 1907, when delivering his triennial review of its work. Although wedded, apparently indissolubly, to the work of the County Council, undoubtedly the most progressive body of the kind created by the Local Government Act of 1888, Mr. Gaskell is a man of whom not only the County, but the country must be proud. Himself imbued with high ideals of County government, he spares no pains to bring them to practical fruition. The body over which he presides with such conspicuous ability can never, while he remains at its head, descend from the proud pinnacle of fame it has attained, being now, as from the first, controlled by the best brains the County has produced.

Mr. Charles George Milnes Gaskell, who is a LL.D. of Leeds University, M.A., D.L., and J.P., was born in 1842, and is the eldest son of Mr. James Milnes Gaskell, M.P., of Thornes House, Wakefield (who died in 1873), and

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Mary, second daughter of the Right Honourable G. W. Williams-Wynn, M.P.

On the 9th May, 1900, Mr. Gaskell was entertained to luncheon by the members of the West Riding County Council, and presented with a framed oil painting of himself as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his services as Chairman of the County Council, since 1893. The chair was taken and the presentation made by Mr. Bacon Frank, the Vice-Chairman; and the painting, a really striking and life-like portrait, came from the easel of Mons. Legros, the well-known portrait painter. Mr. Gaskell, who is a born orator, made a felicitous and characteristic reply. After twitting Mr. Ritchie, the founder of their being, for having spoken of the County Council as "a very good creature," he proceeded to observe that before 1888 fears were expressed that the County Councils would find no work to do. Surely, said he, that had been dissipated in their own experience. Their war was a long one, and it was a continuous one. They waged war continuously with apathy, with ignorance, with disease of the mind and with disease of the body; and it was a war which called for the highest faculties of every individual among them to perform those duties. Their duties were of the very greatest importance, and, at any rate, their conduct of those duties were such as to justify the imposition by Parliament of further duties. Duties such as theirs had not been disclaimed by men such as Lord Rosebery, Lord Ripon, and Mr. Chamberlain. The first Napoleon was an ideal County Councillor, for when he assumed the sovereignty of Elba, in the six months which he spent there, he built barracks, fortifications, and a theatre—he had not been able to make out whether he licensed it or not—reorganised the Customs, erected isolation hospitals, provided the city with an admirable supply of water, and repaired and further made five new highways. Road-making was Napoleon's greatest pleasure, and he expressed a hope that after that date, he would live as a Justice of the Peace. It would have been well for Europe and well for mankind, thought Mr. Gaskell, if the first Napoleon's aspirations had always been confined to the humbler sphere of local government. If there

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were any future Napoleons in England, he would advise them to concentrate their interests and their work in their present sphere. He facetiously added that they were not getting rid of him, as was frequently the case with testimonials, but it was his intention to continue in their service.

To illustrate his enthusiasm in County Council work, one further extract may be given from the address quoted at the beginning of this sketch. Alluding to the educational problem, he said:—"It may be said with justice that we get what we appreciate and are fitted for. At present we must be contented with the mean between confidence and depression. The Palace of Education is so obscured by poles and scaffoldings, and the acrid dust raised by the masons, that we cannot discover the outlines even of her form, or the harmony and beauty of her dwelling. Yet we have made some advance in charity and in religious polemics, since the days of those contentions when capital punishment was the meed of that sect which celebrated Easter on an improper day."

After passing through Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, Mr. Gaskell was admitted a barrister of the Inner Temple in 1886, and represented the Morley Division of the West Riding, in the Liberal interest, from 1885 to 1892. In 1876, he married Lady Catherine (Henrietta), daughter of the fifth Earl of Portsmouth, a lady who is as fluent a public speaker as her husband, especially on behalf of charitable objects. She is a facile writer of short stories of real power and literary charm, many of which have appeared in "The Lady," and other journals. She has also written a number of sparkling plays for amateur performances, and a volume of these has recently been published. A more ambitious work, and beautifully illustrated, has also lately appeared, depicting "Old Shropshire Life." When not at Thornes House, Wakefield, Mr. and Lady Gaskell spend a good deal of time at their Shropshire seat, Wenlock Abbey.

Speaking at the opening of the Free Library at Wakefield, in June, 1906, by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, he mentioned the fact that he and Mr. Carnegie were the only surviving "non-militant freemen of the city," that

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honour having been conferred upon himself in 1893, on the occasion of his opening of a public park, a goodly portion of the site of which was a gift of his own.

Mr. Gaskell spends his most delightful hours in his library. When not on business, he rarely goes out without being accompanied by a remarkably fine and exceptionally intelligent looking St. Bernard. In his ordinary speeches at the County Council he is never weary of animadverting upon smoke nuisances and the dangers of motor cars, which appear to be his pet aversions.

His only son, Captain E. Milnes Gaskell, seems destined to follow in his father's footsteps, having been, in March, 1907, also elected a member of the West Riding County Council.



R. H. Vernon Wragge, Esq., J.P.



R. ROBERT HORTON VERNON WRAGGE, the Learned Recorder of Pontefract, is a well-known and highly respected Barrister in the County of many acres. Although for over thirty years he has been a resident in the ancient City of York, he is a native of Shropshire, having been born at Whitchurch. He received his education at the Grammar School in that town, and was originally intended for a commercial career. Indeed, at one time he conducted a successful business in York, but in 1894 he definitely retired from commercial pursuits, being called to the Bar (Lincolns Inn) in April of that year after passing the necessary examinations, and displaying marked ability in every subject.

It was at the instigation of the late and widely popular Sir Frank Lockwood, then junior member for the City, that Mr. Wragge studied for the Law, and for some time he was associated in London with that brilliant legal luminary, Mr. C. F. Gill, K.C. He at once took chambers in Leeds, where he has since prosecuted an influential and successful practice. On the North-Eastern Circuit he is well known and highly esteemed, and in October, 1905, was appointed to the Recordship of Pontefract.

Mr. Vernon Wragge has been one of the leading public men in York for many years. In 1886 he was elected to the City Council as representative for Guildhall Ward, and the same year secured a seat on the Board of Guardians. His progress was rapid, for in six years he was elevated to the

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Aldermanic Bench—a position he still retains—and shortly afterwards to the Chairmanship of the Board of Guardians. He also became Chairman of the York Assessment Committee, and conducted a tedious and difficult reassessment of certain property so successfully and thoroughly that as a recognition of his labours the citizens presented him with a handsome service of plate. In 1904, however, having to perform the duties attaching to the office of Chief Magistrate, together with increasing professional duties, he was compelled reluctantly to sever his connection with the administration of the Poor Law. His colleagues making him a handsome presentation of a silver dessert service upon his retirement.

A unique honour befell Mr. Vernon Wragge upon being elected on three successive occasions Lord Mayor of the ancient and historic City of York. With conspicuous ability and success he discharged the duties pertaining to the high and dignified office in 1903-4, 1904-5, and 1905-6, the last year being marked by the visit of the British Association, which seventy-five years before was born and cradled in the City of York. No Lord Mayor has been elected thrice in succession since 1407, in the reign of Henry IV., when one Henry Wyman was appointed to the office. It is quite true that since then another gentleman, Sir Edward Cooper, has filled the post for three successive years, but he was appointed by King Charles I. because no other person would accept the position. It was during the troublous times of the Puritan Wars, and Sir Edward remained as civic head until the City had to surrender to Lord Fairfax.

An excellent platform orator, Mr. Vernon Wragge's services have always been in great demand by the Conservative Party, of whom he has long been a distinguished member. Twice he has contested the Rotherham Division of Yorkshire—at the by-election of 1899 and the General Election of 1900—and succeeded in reducing the Liberal majority by nearly 2,000 votes.

Mr. Vernon Wragge is a Freemason and a Churchman, and resides at Horton Lodge, York. He married Eleanor, the second daughter of Mr. Thomas Price, of Birkenhead.

J. G. Butcher, Esq., K.C., Ex-M P.



FORTES CREANTUR FORTIBUS. The strong spring from the strong, and Mr. J. G. Butcher, late M.P. for York, of Riccall Hall, Yorkshire, is an instance of how when once honour has penetrated into a family it becomes a fruitful stimulant to high resolve and worthy living. Possessing a potent personality, Mr. Butcher is well-known and much respected throughout the three Ridings, and wherever he is known.

He was born in 1852, and is the second son of the late Most Reverend the Bishop of Meath, and married, in 1898, Alice M., daughter of E. L. Brandreth, Esq.

Educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, Mr. Butcher is a brilliant scholar, a first-class mathematician (eighth Classic and eighth Wrangler) and is brother of another distinguished scholar, formerly Professor of Greek at Edinburgh, and now M.P. for Cambridge University. Mr. Butcher became a Barrister of Lincoln's Inn in 1878; bencher in 1903; Q.C. in 1897; and was Conservative M.P. for the City of York from 1892 to 1906, winning the seat "entirely off his own bat" but at the last General Election, notwithstanding valiant and honourable fight he was defeated by a small majority. He is a strong politician, and an anti-Nationalist, as only an Irish Protestant can be.

To worthily, however, recognise his brilliant services to the Constituency, the Honorary Freedom of the City of York was conferred upon Mr. Butcher

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at a special meeting of the Council in the Guildhall held under the presidency of the Lord Mayor on March 9th, 1906. This is a great distinction, as ever since 1746 only 22 other "men of mark" have had this rare and envied honour conferred upon them, the list including our present sovereign, King Edward VII., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Viscount Wolseley, K.P., G.C.M.G., of Cairo, and Earl Roberts, K.G.

An eloquent speaker, Mr. Butcher is also a keen debater; while his professional abilities, his mature experience of public affairs, and his intimate knowledge of men and the world, obviously invest his public services with special value, and ensure him an appreciative audience whenever he may choose to give his opinions on the questions of the day. He was very popular with his constituents, who thoroughly felt that they had in the Honourable gentleman a vigilant guardian of their interests, and a kindly and trustworthy friend at all times. He is still esteemed, too, because he is ever ready to appreciate, as well as to do, good service; so cordial and yet so considerate in every combined effort; so staunch and yet so tolerant.

Mr. Butcher, indeed, is recognised on all hands as an extremely capable and painstaking public man, and this supplemented by great personal energy and a chivalrous courtesy, makes him a power to be reckoned with, while not even his keenest opponents would question the integrity of his motives or the honesty of his purpose.

In the way of sport, Mr. Butcher is very fond of hunting, being a bold and enthusiastic rider to hounds, and his love of horses is pronounced indeed,

Altogether, this popular ex-M.P. for York spends a very active and eminently useful public life, and is deservedly held in universal esteem.

His Town House is 32, Elvaston Place, S.W., and his clubs The Carlton and Yorkshire.



Walter Morrison, Esq., J.P.

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ALTHOUGH born in the great metropolis, Mr. Walter Morrison, J.P., is a well known figure in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford, where he took a First Class in Classics, and was well-known as an oarsman, he commenced an early political career, being elected M.P. for Plymouth in 1861, and retained the seat until 1874. For the next dozen years he was out of Parliament, but in 1886 he contested the Skipton Division of Yorkshire in the Unionist cause, and succeeded in defeating Sir M. Wilson, Bt., the sitting Liberal representative. In the 1892 election, however, Mr. Morrison had the misfortune to be beaten by Mr. C. S. Roundell by the narrow majority of 92 votes, although his poll was nearly 200 in excess of the figures of 1886.

The life of the Parliament was very brief, and three years later Mr. Morrison once more found himself at Westminster, Skipton this time returning him by a majority of 139. It would seem, however, that the constituency is a somewhat fickle one, for in the 1900 election, when the Conservatives and Unionists carried all before them, the Skiptonians went Liberal, and Mr. Morrison had again to bow the knee to defeat. On his very largest poll he was beaten by 132 votes. Such is the fate of political campaigning, and he has since remained out of Parliament, a distinct misfortune to his party.

Mr. Walter Morrison is a busy and able man, and possessed of considerable wealth. At the same time he is most generous and warm-hearted. His great benevolence has led him to befriend many good and deserving causes, quite irrespective of political side or creeds.

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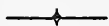
In 1882 he was High Sheriff of Yorkshire, and discharged the duties of that eminent position with dignity and ability. He is Honorary Colonel of the Skipton Administrative Battalions of Volunteers, and is a great and whole-hearted Imperialist. Mr. Morrison is also a Justice of the Peace for the West Riding. He has a charming residence at Malham Tarn, Langcliff, Settle.





Guy St. Maur Palmes, Esq., J.P.

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R. GUY ST. MAUR PALMES, of Crosscliffe, Hackness, Scalby R.S.O., Yorkshire, is a typical County gentleman, interested in sport and agriculture. The son of the Rev. William Lindsay Palmes of Naburn Hall, near York, he was born in 1854, and educated at Haileybury College. For some little time he was a Lieutenant in the 14th King's Hussars, but left the service owing to fever contracted while with his regiment in India. Nevertheless, Mr. Palmes is an ardent supporter of the Volunteer movement, and has been a Lieutenant in the Yorkshire Hussars, and is Major in the East Riding of Yorkshire Imperial Yeomanry.

He is devoted to the chase, and is a well-known figure in the York and Ainsty, Lord Middleton's and other County packs. Mr. Palmes married Georgina, daughter and co-heiress of the late Mr. Edward Lloyd, of Lingcroft, which is their home, and of Crosscliffe, Hackness, Scalby, who is a lady well-known in York and district for her readiness to assist in philanthropic work. Both Mr. and Mrs. Palmes live quietly, and do not court publicity, though with their daughters they enter very thoroughly into the social life of the neighbourhood. Their son is now Lieutenant, 10th Royal Hussars, and at present with his Regiment in India. Mr. Palmes is a Magistrate for the East Riding, and in politics is a staunch supporter of the Unionist and Constitutional cause.





W. E. Garforth, Esq., J.P.

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THE subject of this sketch is the second son of the late William Garforth, Esq., J.P., of Dukinfield, Cheshire. Mr. W. E. Garforth was educated at Denmark Hill, near London, by Mr. C. P. Mason, B.A., Examiner to the London University, and author of the well-known English Grammar and other books.

With a view to becoming a Mining Engineer, he went, in 1865, to Lord Stamford Surveyors' office, also to the Lordsfield Colliery, which now forms part of the New Moss Coalfield, near Ashton-under-Lyne, and subsequently to the Dukinfield Iron Works, both of which concerns belonged to his family. The latter was established in 1825 by his grandfather, Mr. John Garforth, descendant of an old Yorkshire family, whose connection with Lancashire and Cheshire was in the first instance due to the periodical visits he made to those Counties to report on the mineral property, near Ashton, belonging to the family of Miss Frances Currer, of Kildwick, and Steeton, in which latter districts the Garforth family had been settled since the sixteenth century. It is a matter of general interest considering the stupendous wrought-iron structures which have been erected in various parts of the world that it was at the Dukinfield Iron Works that two of the first wrought-iron bridges were made in 1847, from the designs of the eminent engineers, Mr. Robert Stephenson and Sir William Fairbairn. The late Mr. W. Garforth was afterwards entrusted by the same engineers with the construction of a large portion of the Tubular Bridge over the Menai Straits. This bridge remained the largest in the United Kingdom until the

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Forth Bridge was erected. Part of the bridge over the River St. Lawrence, Canada, was constructed at these works in the early fifties, where the steam rivetting machine was invented and was awarded a prize medal at the London Exhibition in 1851.

Mr. W. E. Garforth was elected a member of the North of England Institute of Mining Engineers in 1866, and was subsequently made a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, and a Fellow of the Geological Society. In 1892 he was elected President of the Midland Institute of Mining Engineers, and a short time ago President of the Mining Association of Great Britain, also Chairman of the Coal Mining Committee of the Leeds University.

He has given evidence before several Royal Commissions on matters affecting the safe working of mines, viz: In 1891 "On the Danger of Coal Dust"; 1898, "On the Use of Electricity in Underground Works,"; 1902, "On the Coal Supplies of the United Kingdom"; 1907, "On Accidents in Mines."

At the London Inventions Exhibition (1885) Mr. Garforth was awarded a medal and certificate for his two inventions—the Fire-damp Detector and Dial Centre. Respecting the former, which was in 1884 examined and favourably reported on by the Royal Commission on Accidents in Mines, the *Colliery Guardian* said:—"A very valuable invention having for its object the detection of fire damp in mines by a method as remarkable for its simplicity as for its efficiency and without the great risk which now attends the operation should the Davy Lamp gauze be defective." He is also the inventor of the patent deep-undercut coal-cutting machine, which is extensively used in this country, the Continent, Canada, Japan, etc. The first experimental gallery in the United Kingdom or abroad for training men in rescue work consequent on a colliery explosion was designed by him, also the "Weg" life-saving apparatus.

Mr. Garforth has contributed several papers on scientific subjects, which have been published in the transactions of the various Societies with which he is connected, and for some of which he has been awarded prizes. He was appointed a Magistrate for Cheshire in 1876, and for the West Riding of Yorkshire in 1892. He has also occupied the position of Chairman of the

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Altofts Local Board, now the District Council, for twenty-six years without intermission. At present he is engaged as Chairman and Director of certain large collieries in Yorkshire and Lancashire.

Possessing a high sense of duty, Mr. Garforth's own position in life has, happily, never made him indifferent to those less fortunate than himself, for his kind heart and open hand have been helpful to many, and he is still a liberal supporter of many a deserving cause.

Politically he is a Unionist, and strongly convinced that there must be no loosening of the ties which bind together the mother country and her various dependencies.

In 1882 Mr. Garforth married the only daughter of the late Reverend Canon Eagar, M.A., Rector and Rural Dean of Ashton-under-Lyne, and resides at Snydale Hall, near Normanton.





Guy Z. Fairfax, Esq., J.P.

Guy T. Fairfax, Esq., J.P.



ALTHOUGH living the quiet country life of a typical English Squire, Mr. Guy Thomas Fairfax, of Bilbrough Manor, near York, is a descendant of a great and historic family. In the far-away days of Richard the Lion Hearted, that heroic and romantic figure of the Crusades, whose mighty deeds have so often thrilled the ardent youth of England, there lived quietly in a remote district of Yorkshire, a family destined to leave their name upon the scroll of fame. In the feudal days they played their part in the County's history, but it was in the Cromwellian period when they loomed largest.

Bilbrough, the home of Mr. Guy Fairfax, is a pretty village standing well back from the high road between Tadcaster and York, and overlooking a great stretch of field and woodland. The famous Parliamentary General, Lord Fairfax, lies buried in the historic little church, for Bilbrough was ever a favourite retreat with the victor of Marston Moor.

Mr. Guy T. Fairfax was born at Nun Appleton, another of the historic Yorkshire seats of the family, and received his education at Eton. He married Miss Joan Wilson, and being of a retiring and unostentatious disposition has refrained from taking any prominent part in public affairs. He is a Justice of the Peace for the West Riding, and a Unionist in politics.



Alfred William Stanfield, Esq., J.P.

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HE leisured professional classes occupy a somewhat unique position in the body politic. One estimable, really ideal, type, is that represented by Mr. A. W. Stanfield, J.P., Barrister-at-Law. Although now living in retirement away from his native city of Wakefield, the haunts of his youth and the scene of the greater part of his activities, he has there left behind him an influence which will not readily be allowed to wane.

Son of the late Mr. John Stanfield, who founded, and for many years conducted, the business of a bookseller, printer, and stationer, in conjunction with the Government position of Distributor of Stamps in Wakefield—then a rapidly rising, and perhaps the most thriving town in the West Riding—Mr. Stanfield there first saw the light in the year 1836. Having received a sound commercial training at a private school conducted by Mr. Enock Harrison, he succeeded to his father's business, but shortly after a severe attack of illness compelled him to make a sojourn to the sunnier south. This had the effect of changing the whole course of his career. To one whose tastes inclined rather towards the amenities of life than to its incessant competitive bickerings, commercial life offered but few attractions; and converting the business into a limited liability company (which still exists) he settled down in London, devoted himself to the study of the law at the Middle Temple, was called to the Bar in 1880, and practised in the Metropolis for a few years.

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Returning then to his native city, he began to manifest the keenest interest in various local institutions, particularly those of a philanthropic character. When the Wakefield Borough Bench was formed, in 1870, he was selected as one of its first members, and, in 1892, he was also raised to the West Riding County Bench.

As a loyal Churchman he did valuable work as Hon. Sec. to the Churchwardens of the old Parish Church during the restoration of that edifice, which, at a later date, was destined to become the Cathedral Church of the Diocese. Although never until then directly identifying himself with municipal affairs, the citizens of his native town, recognising, in 1897, his devotion to the general welfare of the community, unanimously conferred upon him the highest dignity which it was in their power to bestow, namely, that of Mayor and Chief Magistrate. It may be said with truth that his Mayoralty inaugurated a new standard of civic life which has since been worthily maintained.

As Chairman for many years of the Normanton Division Conservative Association, Mr. Stanfield did heroic work on behalf of the Conservative Party, which has there never yet proved sufficiently popular to be able to return even the strongest local candidate at their command. He bravely, but ineffectively, championed the cause in several General Elections. Mr. Cecil Lister Kaye, of Denby Grange, and other candidates, did their best to wrest the seat from the late Mr. Ben Pickard. Apart from his political labours, he was in constant request by literary, scientific, social, and religious institutions, both as a speaker and lecturer. His speeches and prepared addresses and lectures have about them the stamp of culture and the aroma of refinement which is becoming rather rare. A selection of his lectures, sketches, etc., are collected in a handsome volume, under the somewhat modest title "Leisure Papers." As a specimen of his style, we extract the following at random:—

"The Art of Happiness," says Mr. Stanfield, "is an art to be learnt diligently; to be studied assiduously; to be practised constantly. It is also a fine art, of great delicacy, and requires close attention on the part of a student to comprehend its finer shades and tones. To taste of its fruits necessitates labour.

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It is like knowledge. If we want this, we must toil for it. It is like pleasure. If we desire this, we must take pains to pursue it properly."

Mr. Stanfield is an ardent devotee of the rod and line, and, when taking a holiday, the same is invariably spent in piscatorial pursuits. Marrying in 1861, Anne, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Charles Clapham, civil engineer, Wakefield, his married and domestic life has been conspicuously felicitous. That much, at any rate, may be inferred from the following really fine panygeric on "Wifehood," which appears in the volume just named: Speaking of a man's life revolving round that of woman, he observes:—"She is the sun of his social system. She is the queen of domestic life, and when I have to describe the blessing of a good wife and the source of happiness she is, I feel inclined to lay down my pen in despair, for I am able to do but scant justice to this—God's best gift to man on earth. Many good wives are heroines with unwritten biographies. They sacrifice themselves for him whom they have vowed to love, honour, and obey, through a long life of toil and self-denial."

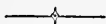
By all who know him—and they are many—Mr. Stanfield is deservedly held in the highest respect and regard.





E. M. Lawson-Smith, Esq., J.T.

E. M. Lawson-Smith, Esq., J.P.



EVERY man, it has been well said, seeks his own felicity after his own heart; but to us it does not seem that to have been a prominent actor in great and weighty public events, or to have experienced many freaks of fortune, adds appreciably to the sum of human happiness and enjoyment.

So evidently thinks Mr. Edward Maule Lawson-Smith, J.P., of Colton Lodge, Tadcaster, who is keenly devoted to hunting, shooting, and cricket, and is rarely happier than when actively participating in one or other of these delightful pursuits. He is a most capable, painstaking, and estimable gentleman in every respect, and has hosts of friends.

In cricketing circles Mr. Lawson-Smith's name stands well to the fore; and as Honorary Secretary to the Yorkshire Gentlemen's Cricket Club Mr. Lawson-Smith has in a quiet, dignified, but none the less hearty and effective, way rendered valuable services to County cricket—services which are gratefully appreciated, as they deserve to be, by all his confreres. Indeed, whatever he takes in hand Mr. Lawson-Smith earnestly endeavours to perform with commendable thoroughness.

He was born at Longhirst Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland; was educated at Elstree, Harrow, and Cambridge; and married Ethel Mary, second daughter of Sir W. G. Davies, K.C.S.I. Mr. Lawson-Smith's wife died in 1906.

A Unionist in politics, Mr. Lawson-Smith is a J.P. for the West Riding, and a District Councillor for Tadcaster.



The Rev. E. S. Carter, M.A.

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POSSESSING a potent personality, the Reverend E. S. Carter, M.A., late Vicar of St. Michael-le-Belfrey, York, and Sub-Chanter of York Minster, and now Rector of Thwing, Humanby, East Yorkshire, is well-known and much respected in the "County of broad acres," where he is widely recognised as a gentleman of sterling ability, large heart, magnanimous mind, and unvarying good nature. His sympathies are broad and sincere, and he has always given of his time and talents freely and cheerfully for the benefit of his parishioners and neighbours, and has certainly carried out his various religious and public duties most thoroughly and faithfully. The Reverend gentleman's many estimable qualities have, indeed, made him popular with rich and poor alike, and in the City of York in particular, where Mr. Carter has actively and honourably passed no less than thirty-three years of his life, his name is deservedly held in the very highest regard.

This is amply proved by the profound regret expressed by his many friends, and the citizens of York in general, when it became known in September of last year (1907) that the Reverend gentleman had been offered by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Loreburn, an old Oxford friend of his, and had decided to accept, the living of Thwing, in the East Riding. Naturally his friends and admirers would not allow the Rev. E. S. Carter to officially sever his long and faithful connection with the City without some tangible token of their warm appreciation and esteem; and consequently, in due course, he

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received at the hands of the Very Reverend the Dean of York, in the presence of a large and representative gathering in St. William's College, York, on April 21st last (1908), several valuable gifts "subscribed for by friends, co-workers and admirers," the accompanying address reading as follows:—

To the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Carter.

The subscribers, who names are appended, desire to convey to you in a practical way the high esteem in which you are held, also their appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered to the church (St. Michael-le-Belfrey in particular) and to the city generally, and of the interest you have invariably taken in all matters affecting the welfare of all classes with whom you have been brought into contact during the thirty years you have resided in their midst, and they ask your acceptance of the accompanying purse and its contents with their hearty good wishes.

They sincerely trust you may both be spared to enjoy many years of health and happiness in your new country parish and home.

Immediately it became known that Mr. Carter had decided to accept the living of Thwing, spontaneous suggestions were expressed in many quarters that your departure from the city should be marked by some special recognition, and the exceedingly cordial and prompt response to the invitation which was issued will not, the subscribers venture to believe, be the least gratifying feature of the gift placed in your hands.

Signed on behalf of, and at the request of, all the contributors,

ARTHUR P. PUREY-CUST.

21st April, 1908

The address was made up in album form, beautifully illuminated. The album was bound in dark red morocco leather, the outside cover being treated with a gilt border broken by the arms of the Minster at the top, the arms of the city at the bottom, and the white rose of York on each side. Inside the album were two fine photographs, one of St. Michael-le-Belfrey, the other of the Minster. Then followed the letter issued to the subscribers, the address itself, and the names of all the contributors.

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In alluding to the preferment of the Rev. E. S. Carter to the living of Thwing, the "Yorkshire Herald," of September 3rd, 1907, said of him that he belonged to "a class of people, not too frequently met with, who combine broadmindedness, good nature, and cheery optimism with a desire to do what they can for the benefit of the community in general. During his many years in York Mr. Carter has become an integral part of much of the public life of the city, and when he leaves he will be badly missed. The severe wrench will be felt on both sides, for it will be impossible for Mr. Carter to leave his many friends without feeling the blow of parting. In offering preferment to Mr. Carter the Lord Chancellor has done an honour to an old friend. The two were chums at Oxford, and one of their first meetings was upon the cricket field. Neither will ever forget the occasion. "Bob" Reid kept wicket for the Varsity, and the young Yorkshireman had already made a name for himself as a fast bowler. The first ball which the future Radical Lord Chancellor received from Mr. Carter broke his finger! The friendship started in this unique way has never waned. They played together in the Varsity eleven for two seasons, and have maintained their comradeship to the present day, as is instanced by the successful lawyer's remembrance of his former cricket chum."

"Mr. Carter," continued the "Yorkshire Herald," numbered many latter-day notabilities amongst the friends of his college days. Besides Lord Loreburn, he became a close acquaintance of the present Lord Alverstone, who may be better remembered as Sir Richard Webster, a former Attorney-General. He also was distinguished in the field of athletics, being champion long distance runner at the rival University of Cambridge. Their friendship was renewed on the occasion of the recent visit of Lord Alverstone to York, to conduct the Assizes in the city. Mr. Carter was also an intimate friend of Sir Frank Lockwood, M.P. for York, and one time Solicitor-General. Mr. Carter's distinguished career as an athlete has made him known both in this country and Australia, and his notable performances in that country gave rise to the expression "A Carter in cricket." Of the many exceptional things

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he did at home one or two may be mentioned. He helped on one occasion to dismiss a M.C.C. eleven for seven runs. Against a local team in Middlesex he took nine wickets in eight overs without a run being scored off his bowling. Playing with the Yorkshire Gentlemen he stumped five opponents in an innings, three off successive balls, a feat which has probably never been equalled.

Special mention should also be made of the interesting fact that the Reverend gentleman has been a "Double Blue," namely, in the Oxford University "Eight" and "Eleven"—a feat which has been performed by only six Oxford men and six Cambridge men.

In his work at Thwing, in a somewhat remote parish in the East Riding, (to further quote from the "Yorkshire Herald"), Mr. Carter will find a strong contrast to the strenuous times which he has experienced in York. The busy life of a great city will be exchanged for the quietude of a country living, for Thwing is in the heart of the Wolds. The railway station is seven miles from the church, and the nearest telegraph office three miles. Mr. Carter has reached a period of life when such a change, bringing a release from numerous exacting duties which he has zealously and faithfully discharged through many years, will be appreciated by him, and with him he will carry the sincerest wishes of the city of York as a whole for his future well-being.

Again, in a very interesting leading article on the Rev. E. S. Carter's official severance with the City of York, the "Yorkshire Evening Press," of February 25th, 1908, made the following graceful and complimentary remarks:—

"Mr. Carter has been a resident in York for thirty-three years, and he has been Vicar of the quaint church standing under the shadow of the Minster for a quarter of a century, and it is not surprising that his severance of so many old ties and associations means a severe wrench both to himself and his congregation, and also for his numerous friends and co-workers in many fields of activity outside the strictly ecclesiastical sphere. He is a many-sided man, of broad, tolerant, and sympathetic views, and he has done good work for the city in a variety of capacities, as an active parish clergyman,

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as one of the Vicars-Choral of the Minster, as Lord Mayor's chaplain on several occasions, as the Secretary of the Penitentiary and other charitable and benevolent institutions, and as a public-spirited citizen. His interest in cricket and in all wholesome sports and pastimes has marked another feature of his all-round character. Apart from everything else, Yorkshiremen will always feel grateful to him for his "discovery" of Lord Hawke.

"But it is his work as a clergyman and his services to some of our most useful and valuable institutions that are being specially recalled at the present time on the eve of his departure from the city in which he has been so familiar and so popular a figure for more than a quarter of a century. In his farewell sermon he gracefully and feelingly expressed his gratitude to the officials and members of the church for their unvarying support and kindness, and he gladly testified to the fact that during the twenty-five years of their association there had not been one note of disagreement or unpleasantness. He acknowledged many acts of liberality and generosity in connection with the improvement and better equipment of the church, and at the present time the scheme of repair and restoration that is being carried on as the result of an effort he commenced last year is an evidence at once of Mr. Carter's zeal and of the strong hold he has on the community, who have heartily responded to his appeal.

"It is somewhat of a coincidence that in the extracts which are published in the "Yorkshire Herald" to-day from the files in the office of the "Yorkshire Herald" of 150 years ago there is a remarkable tribute to one who had held the same office at the Minster as Mr. Carter, that of Vicar-Choral. This was the Rev. Richard Warneford, one of the Vicars-Choral of the Minster and Vicar of Kilnwick Percy. Mr. Warneford had unfortunately passed away, and the appreciation of his character and services written 153 years ago is largely applicable to the Rev. Mr. Carter. The writer speaks of the clergyman as, a man of benovolence and compassion, with clean hands and a tender heart; as a gentleman whose attributes added refinement to humanity and delicacy to manners; as a Christian of unaffected piety and

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wide tolerance, who made all classes and creeds the objects of his affection and interest; as a Christian priest, a faithful and true pastor, and an instructive preacher, as we have said, this tribute to a Vicar-Choral a century and a half ago might be written of the esteemed gentleman who has just resigned the same office."

The following summary of Mr. Carter's life appeared in a recent publication of "North and East Ridings Contemporary Biographies at the Opening of the Twentieth Century":—

The Reverend Edmund Sardinson Carter, M.A., now Rector to Thwing, East Yorkshire, is son of the late Rev. William Carter, Rector of Slingsby, Yorkshire; born at Malton, February 3rd, 1845; educated at Durham Grammar School (King's Scholar), and at Worcester College, Oxford (Eaton Scholar), 1864-69; B.A. and M.A., 1871; Curate of Christ Church, Ealing, Middlesex, 1871-75; Curate of St. Martin-cum-Gregory, York, 1876-77; Rector, 1877-82; Vicar of St. Michael le Belfrey from 1882 to present time, Sub-Charter of York Minster, 1904 to 1908, and Vicar-Choral, York Minster, 1875 to present date; thirteen years Acting Chaplain 1st Volunteer Battalion (Prince of Wales's Own) West Yorkshire Regiment; formerly Chaplain to the High Sheriff of Yorkshire; four times Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of York, and twice Chaplain to the Sheriff of York; composer of well known tunes and other church music; for six years a member of the School Board for York; Chairman of the York Charity Schools; for twenty-seven years, Secretary to the York Penitentiary; Manager of the Manor (Boys') and Bedern Schools; representative of the London School Board on the Committee of Management of the York Boys' Industrial School; Manager of the York Savings Bank; Governor of the York Emanuel Charity; on the Committees of the York Archdeaconry Church Works, the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, and the Gordon Boys' Brigade; member of the Council of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society; member of the Oxford University Cricket Eleven, 1866-67, and of the Oxford University Rowing eight, 1867-68; played in the inter-colonial cricket match for Victoria *versus* New South Wales at Sydney in 1869, and

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made the highest score in the match; for several years a member of the Yorkshire County Cricket XI.; member of the Yorkshire Gentlemen's Cricket Club since 1869, now Vice-President; for twenty-nine years (to the present time) President of the York Amateur Rowing Club; on the Committee of the York Amateur Swimming Club and Humane Society; Vice-President of the York Musical Society. Married Rosa Sophia, daughter of the late Thomas Bladon, of Uttoxeter, Staffordshire. Member of the Yorkshire Club.





Charles Arthur Head, Esq., J.P., D.L.

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HARLES ARTHUR HEAD, Esq., J.P., D.L., of Hartburn Hall, Stockton-on-Tees, is the son of the late Jeremiah Head, Esq., J.P., of Ipswich, a descendant of an old Suffolk family. Born at Ipswich, on May 21st, 1838, Mr. C. Arthur Head was educated at Ipswich Grammar School and privately.

He is a manufacturing engineer and ironmaster, and came to South Stockton in 1863 and joined his brother and Sir Thomas Wrightson, Bart., as partner in the firm of Head, Wrightson and Co., bridge builders and engineers, in 1866.

Mr. Head was appointed Justice of the Peace for the North Riding of Yorkshire in 1878; Justice of the Peace for the County of Durham in 1889; Deputy Lieutenant of the North Riding of Yorkshire in 1905; Chairman of the South Stockton School Board from its formation until 1902, except for a few months' interval.

On the Incorporation of Thornaby in 1892 he was unanimously elected one of its first Aldermen, and served three times as Mayor, viz., 1894-5, 1898-99, 1904-05. Mr. Head has been member of North Riding County Council for Thornaby since its creation; is a Manager of the Council Schools and Thornaby National Schools; is one of the Commissioners of the Tees Conservancy Board, and President of the Stockton and Thornaby Constitutional Organization.

Mr. C. Arthur Head married in 1875 Justina Charlotte, daughter of

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Peter Bartholomew Long, Esq., of Ipswich, and widow of Thomas Green, Esq., of Wilby and Athelington Hall, Suffolk, and secondly, Edith, daughter of the late J. H. Crawford, Esq., B.C.S.I. Has issue one son, Arthur Falkland Howard (born 1879), and two daughters.

A believer in the gospel of hard work, few gentlemen have endeavoured to assist more ardently than Mr. Head in the proper conduct of commercial and public affairs. Never has he begrudged a minute in helping to further the best interests of Thornaby and his own neighbourhood, and no one will deny that in a variety of ways he has rendered very substantial services to those highly important districts. He has always given of his time and ability freely and cheerfully, and has certainly discharged his duties most thoroughly and faithfully. His many estimable qualities have made him popular with rich and poor alike. He is extremely reserved, however, about his own kind acts, and dislikes the least allusion to them, preferring not to let his right hand know what his left hand does.

Mr. C. Arthur Head's seat is Hartburn Hall, Stockton-on-Tees; and his clubs the Conservative and St. Stephen's.



J. H. Massey, Esq., J.P.

HFIRST-CLASS. all-round sportsman, Mr. John Howorth Massey, J.P., of Closes Hall, Gisburne, near Clitheroe, leads the life of a typical country gentleman, and finds much wholesome pleasure and enjoyment in those rural sights and sounds which, as Cowper phrases it, "exhilarate the spirits and restore the tone of languid nature." Yorkshire is rich in the possession of such enviable and popular gentlemen, but few stand higher in the public estimation in their own particular neighbourhoods than does Mr. Massey, from whom everyone has a good word. He comes of an excellent family, and has many equally excellent qualities.

Warm-hearted, genial, and shrewd, he is absolutely thorough in all he undertakes, and perhaps in no other way is this admirable trait more apparent and manifest than when either engaged in some favourite sport or his social duties. Courteous and cheerful to a degree, Mr. Massey is not one to tolerate undue liberties or encroachments from anyone; yet by his ready tact and cordial manner, he has made numerous friends and well-wishers.

He is an excellent shot, and very fond of almost every kind of outdoor recreation.

Born at Hollins, Burnley, Lancashire, Mr. Massey was educated at Charterhouse, and Trinity College, Cambridge, and married, in 1903, Miss Barker, the only daughter of the late Francis Barker of The Old Hall, Flookersbrook, Chester.

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Also, in the same year 1903, Mr. J. H. Massey was appointed a Magistrate for the West Riding of Yorkshire, a compliment that was well deserved.

Politically, Mr. Massey is a Conservative, and thoroughly believes in Imperial Federation. He would strengthen rather than loosen the ties that bind our Colonies and Dependencies to the Mother Country; and weld them so far as practical statesmanship can, by promoting at once Imperial Unity and Colonial Autonomy, into one great confederation, to the advantage of the stability and progress of the Empire. Happily, with the sense of the greatness and responsibility of Empire, this sentiment is growing amongst the English race, and will witness further developments in the near future.

Mr. Massey is always glad to be of service to those around him so far as is in his power; and, as a result, he enjoys the esteem of all whose privilege it is to know him.



William Brooke, Esq., J.P.

RESIDING at Northgate Mount, Howley, Huddersfield, Mr. William Brooke, J.P., is a well-known and widely-respected gentleman in the district in which he lives, and is recognised on all hands as possessing many sterling and estimable qualities. He is warm-hearted, earnest, and upright.

Albeit a pronounced Unionist-Conservative, Mr. Brooke's sympathies are broad and generous; and he certainly believes in social and industrial progress, so long as it is conducted on sound and safe Constitutional lines. He has, indeed, the prescience to see that, if Conservatism is to be popular and powerful, its sympathies must be catholic, its principles progressive, and its work comprehensive.

Mr. Brooke values fully a firm and wise Imperial policy, the unity and consolidation of the Empire, the protection of the liberties of his country-men here and abroad, together with the true and steady progress of the people at home. He also supports the splendid principle of each class endeavouring to promote the other's weal, for in this way it is not unrightly claimed that—

“The humble classes, once again,
Would feel the kind pressure of the social chain.”

and there would be produced that common trust and mutual confidence without which there can be neither industrial excellence, civic progress, commercial supremacy, nor national greatness.

Born at Honley, on December 2nd, 1834, Mr. William Brooke was educated at Cheltenham, and married Gertrude E. Ingham, daughter of Joshua Ingham, Esq., of Blake Hall, Mirfield



John Henry Milestone, Esq., J.F.

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MYORKSHIRE gentleman by birth, having been born sixty-three years ago at Cottingham, East Riding, Mr. John Henry Milestone, J.P., has every claim to be designated one of Yorkshire's most respected Leaders. He is descended of the fine old family of Milestones, of Leyburn, North Riding, the only branch now in existence.

Educated at Professor Wood's Academy at Hull, Mr. Milestone subsequently married Elizabeth Levitt, eldest daughter of the late Thomas Levitt, Esq., of Apple River, U.S.A.

An influential and prominent personage in Hull and North Riding generally, Mr. Milestone has most creditably sustained his part in public life. He is endowed with great mental as well as physical activity, and has always performed his numerous public and private duties with characteristic thoroughness, urbanity, and efficiency. It is a pleasure to know him. There is such a reassuring absence of hauteur about him, and such a courteous and cordial manner that at once makes one feel at home in Mr. Milestone's company; and yet, when occasion arises, he can be as firm as a rock, but he would nevertheless be the last person to be unduly arbitrary or unnecessarily harsh.

A keen student of the pressing questions of the day, Mr. Milestone is never afraid to express his opinions frankly and fearlessly, no matter whether they may happen to be at the time popular or unpopular. He has, indeed, in a large measure, the courage of his convictions, and enjoys the unstinted

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respect and regard of his various colleagues, who all recognise in him a gentleman of sterling character and high integrity of purpose.

Mr. Milestone is a J.P. for Hull, and perhaps the best compliment that can be paid him in this direction is to state that, in the words of Portia, he knows how to let mercy season justice, remembering that—

Mercy more becomes a magistrate
Than the vindictive wrath which men call justice.

In politics Mr. Milestone is a staunch Conservative, and can always be relied upon, when occasion requires, to actively exert his large influence and abilities on behalf of his party, the best interests of which he has most warmly at heart.

For twenty years he has been Chairman of the East Hull Conservative Council, and for a similar lengthy period Mr. Milestone has been President of the East Hull Conservative Club; while he is also a member of the National Union of Conservatives, and is on the Executive of the Holderness Conservative Council.

Sport, too, has a particular interest and fascination for Mr. Milestone, and, therefore, it is not surprising to find him a Director of the Hull Cricket Club; a Director of the Hull Arts and Sports Club; and a Member of the Committee of the Hull Football Club; while, perhaps, walking may be said to be his own special hobby, and certainly there are few exercises more healthy and invigorating to one's whole system.

Freemasonry also claims Mr. Milestone's interest and attention, and he is Provincial Grand Officer of the Humben Lodge, his unselfish and valuable services being very highly appreciated by his brother Masons.

In conclusion, it may be correctly stated that Mr. Milestone has ever endeavoured alike in public and private life to creditably live out the splendid Shakespearian maxim, "Play well your part, there all the honour lies."



Thomas Holden, Esq., J.P.

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PROMINENT figure in Society in the Huddersfield district is Thomas Holden, Esq., J.P., of Garfield House, Shepley.

In the course of an active career in the business of a woollen merchant, Mr. Holden has devoted a large amount of time, and given considerable financial aid, to the work of public institutions in the neighbourhood where he resides, particularly those having a religious object. He is deeply interested in Sunday School work, and his strong and attractive personality, combined with an exemplary life, has not failed to have a beneficial effect upon the character of those young people who have had the good fortune to come under his influence. He is an enthusiastic worker in the cause of Temperance, and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Denby Dale and District Free Church Council.

Although Mr. Holden does not care to figure prominently on public platforms he is nevertheless a valuable member of the Liberal Party in the district. He is entirely opposed to Religion being abolished from Day Schools, and considers that Bible instruction should be given minus dogmatic teaching. He is a staunch Free Trader, but does not favour Home Rule.

The subject of this sketch has held, and still occupies, a series of responsible public positions in the district of his birth. The Shepley Urban District Council, which has a considerable administrative area, were fortunate

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enough to retain him as their Chairman from January, 1895, to April, 1901, and he is a Trustee of the Shepley Educational Charity. He has been a member of the Huddersfield Board of Guardians since 1904, and a West Riding Magistrate since 1902. In these positions his business acumen and ripe judgment have rendered him a distinct acquisition.

Mr. Holden was born at Shepley, and married Betty, the second daughter of Mr. Joshua Smith of that township.



A. C. T. Orde-Powlett, Esq., J.P.



HE estimable subject of this Sketch is a typical Yorkshire gentleman, having been born in Wensleydale in 1862, being the only son of the Honourable Amias Charles Orde-Powlett, D.L., J.P., of Thorney Hall, Leyburn S.O., Yorks.

Educated privately, Mr. Amias Christopher Thomas Orde-Powlett, J.P., married in 1886 Alice, daughter of the late Humphrey Brooke Firman, Esq., of Gateforth Hall, Selby, and is a Magistrate for the North Riding.

His career reminds us how often in the history of our country the life of a country gentleman and the soldier commingle. There are few County families that are not represented in the Army or Auxiliary forces, either by the head of the house or by one or more of the sons; and it is, therefore, not the least surprising that Mr. Orde-Powlett should have experienced a period of military training. He served as Lieutenant in the 63rd Regiment from 1885 until 1888, and quickly proved himself an exceptionally smart and popular officer; but perhaps the pursuit which has the greatest attraction for Mr. Orde-Powlett is that of Sport, in all forms of which he takes the keenest interest, and at most of which he is personally accomplished. To be able to judge the points of a horse or hound, to know the habits of bird and beast, to read aright the signs of the seasons, these are the things which mark the country gentleman of whom Mr. Orde-Powlett is a typical example; and for

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these reasons a gentleman of Mr. Orde-Powlett's tastes, training and temperament, will always feel drawn towards the country with its seductive sweetness, its exhilarating sport with gun and rod, horse and hound; and all pervading sense of rural loveliness. He has travelled all round the world, and with friends rode across Queensland (Australia) in 1885, before that country was much known, starting at Normanton on the Gulf of Corpentania; while he has visited the South Sea Islands, and shot in the Rocky Mountains, and other parts of the hemisphere.

A Conservative in politics, Mr. A. C. T. Orde-Powlett is most conscientious and zealous in the discharge of his various public and private duties, while at all times he is a chivalrous gentleman and a fine sportsman. Hence the high respect in which he is widely held, and the great popularity he enjoys.

He resides at a beautiful place known as Thorney Hall, Leyburn, Yorkshire, and his clubs are the Naval and Military and the Yorkshire (York).





The late Samuel Wright, Esq., J.P.

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IN these days when egotism is so often a prominent feature in individual lives, it is indeed refreshing to have met with a gentleman whose character was so entirely free from any taint of this kind as the late influential subject of this sketch, who was greatly esteemed by all whose pleasure it was to know him, and who always endeavoured to worthily uphold the best traditions of his family. Noted for his ready tact and unfailing courtesy, the late Mr. Samuel Wright, J.P., of Fairmount, York, believed in performing his duties without fear or favour, yet withal as graciously as possible.

He was recognised as a gentleman of strong convictions and sterling abilities, and everybody credited him with the best of motives in all he said and did. Zeal for the public good has been defined as the healthiest of humanity's conditions, and no one who knew Mr. Samuel Wright will deny that he throughout his public career laboured earnestly and honourably for the common weal. A gentleman such as the late Mr. Wright certainly gives a tone to public life by making it more dignified, more respected, and more courted.

Born at Lark Hall, Northallerton, Mr. Samuel Wright was justifiably proud of his native County, and took a very deep interest in all Yorkshire affairs. He married Miss E. S. Lott, of Scarborough.

He was Sheriff of York 1886-87; was an Alderman for several years, also a member of the York School Board; and was a Justice of the Peace for

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York and the North Riding. Perhaps the best panegyric that can be pronounced upon Mr. Wright as a Magistrate is to state that, in the words of Portia, he knew how to let mercy season justice, remembering that—

Mercy more becomes a magistrate
Than the vindictive wrath which men call justice.

Politically, Mr. Wright was heart and soul a Liberal, and was always happy when helping forward his political cause. A gentleman of energy and activity himself, he had little or no patience with armchair Liberals. He believed in the gospel of enthusiasm and earnestness, and was commendably actuated by a very real desire to assist in the solution of the administrative and other problems of the hour.

It is almost superfluous to add that Mr. Wright was a true Progressionist; and fully believed in the spirit of the rousing lines:—

" . . . Forward, forward let us range;
Let the great world spin for ever down the ringing grooves of change,
Through the shadow of the globe we sweep into the younger day;
Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay."

In conclusion, we may repeat that Mr. Samuel Wright was very highly esteemed in York and neighbourhood; and everybody who had the pleasure of his acquaintance very sincerely regretted his recent decease.



The late Thomas Frank, Esq., J.P.

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BY birth a Yorkshireman, Mr. Thomas Frank, J.P., who died on March 7th last (1908), spent practically the whole of his life in his native County, the best interests of which he always had unmistakably at heart.

He was the fifth son of the late William Frank, Esq., of Pickering, North Yorks, and he himself resided at Dennis House, Pickering, where he was held in universal respect.

Born in 1838, Mr. Thomas Frank married in 1866 the daughter of the late Thomas Langdale, Esq., also of Pickering; and, in recognition of his sterling abilities, useful public labours and upright character, Mr. Frank was created in 1903 a County Magistrate for the North Riding. He certainly always endeavoured to be faithful to the responsibilities of life, and never begrudged time or energy in trying to be of real service to those around him, while to the deserving poor in particular he was always a kindly friend. Indeed, Mr. Thomas Frank, whose sympathies were broad and generous, was a firm believer in the old Roman principle of "the great man helping the poor, and the poor man loving the great." If all thought thus—

"The humbler classes once again,
Would feel the kind pressure of the social chain,"

and there would be in consequence a happier condition of affairs existing in our land to-day.

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Mr. Frank was a valued member of the Pickering Urban District Council, upon which he unpretentiously rendered very useful public services; and although his career was certainly not one filled with incidents that "thrill the blood by dramatic surprises" his was unquestionably the perhaps much happier position of an upright country gentleman sustaining his part before the public with quiet dignity, and always aiming to discharge diligently and faithfully the duty that lies at hand.

It was thus through a life spent in the constant endeavour to be of benefit to those around him that Mr. Frank, J.P., won the esteem and regard of all with whom he came into contact, and his genial and kindly presence will long be missed.



Harry Fisher, Esq., J.P.



SHEFFIELD gentleman by birth, having been born in 1849, Mr. Harry Fisher, J.P., has every claim to be ranked as one of "Yorkshire Leaders." He is undoubtedly one of the most enterprising and successful business men in the City of Sheffield, and holds a prominent position not only in the annals of commerce but also in perhaps the higher sphere of public and philanthropic life.

Frankly recognising that citizenship has its duties as well as its privileges, Mr. Fisher has placed his time and abilities at the service of the public. He entered the Sheffield City Council in 1895, and devoted his energy and zeal to civic work. Resigning, however in 1898, he was again elected in 1901, retiring again in 1904. He has served as an overseer of the Poor, and is one of the Trustees of the Kirkby Charity. Mr. Fisher is also a Trustee, and for several years Treasurer, of the Unitarian Upper Chapel, and is a Governor of the Fisher Institution.

He is, too, a member of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, and a Freeman of the famous Cutler's Company. He was made a J.P. for Sheffield in April, 1905.

Mr. Harry Fisher is head of the celebrated firm of Messrs. Harry Fisher and Co., of the Kingfisher Works, having served his apprenticeship to the steel and file trade with Messrs. Brooksbank and Co. He is Chairman of Messrs. Brown and May, Ltd, Engineers, Devizes; and Chairman of Messrs

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Barker and England, Ltd., of Sheffield. In the application of steel to agricultural machinery Mr. Fisher has introduced and perfected many improvements.

He is the representative of a very old Sheffield family, an ancestor of his (James Fisher) having been Vicar of Sheffield when the Act of Uniformity was passed in 1662.

Mr. Harry Fisher is a vigorous Conservative. It would be impossible to enumerate here the many and diverse occasions on which he has rendered doughty service to the Constitutional cause. He has long been recognised as a trusty leader of the local Conservative Party; but although very pronounced in his political views, he is by no means a Tory of an unprogressive type. On the contrary, Mr. Fisher is commendably actuated by a very real desire to help in the solution of the administrative and other problems of the hour. Travel has expanded his views and broadened his sympathies.

He is an Imperialist and an Optimist. He does not believe in painting the age, like a Correggio or a Rembrandt, dark and awful, but like a Salvator Rosa, with a pencil dipped in sunshine. He holds that in the eternal struggle, between truth and error, truth slowly and gradually, but certainly and lastingly, wins the day. He doubts not that

Through the ages one incessing purpose runs,
And the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns.

While Mr. Fisher fully appreciates the keenness of modern suffering and is sincerely sympathetic, he is not, however, unmindful of the connection between effects and causes, and can be correctly designated as the genuine friend of the true welfare of his poorer neighbours.

An eloquent and effective speaker, Mr. Harry Fisher not only discourses on subjects, but he searches *into* them and makes himself thoroughly acquainted with all their varying details. To the consideration of problems that may be under discussion he brings a mind singularly free from bias and prejudice, and the disciplined faculties of a keen and well-informed observer of public affairs. Possessed of many excellent qualities of the head

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and heart, the feeling towards Mr. Fisher is the response of heart to heart, *Cor ad cor loquitur*. He is as ready to appreciate as to do good service, quick to encourage and slow to censure. The flexibility of his mind is one of his characteristics. While he holds steadfastly to his early convictions, he ever cherishes an open generousness of mind with a ready willingness to welcome a new truth or enter upon a new movement.

With these imperfect strokes we have endeavoured to sketch the outlines of the attributes and career of one who is emphatically a Yorkshireman of mark—one who is trustful and honest in speech and act, honourable in all his delicate and responsible dealings, kindly in feeling; one whose friendship will ever be cherished by those who know and appreciate the labours of his life and the graces of his character.

Mr. Fisher resides at Tapton Mount, Sheffield.







Albert E. Kitson, Esq., J. P.

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YORKSHIRE is fortunate in its brilliant bead roll of social and political Leaders, but few are more deservedly popular than the able and much respected subject of this Sketch, Mr. Albert Ernest Kitson, J.P., of Cober Hill, North Riding, who is well known alike as an experienced business gentleman, and an ardent sportsman.

Born at Leeds, Mr. Kitson is the eldest son of the Right Hon. Sir James Kitson, Bt., P.C., M.P., of Gledhow Hall, Leeds, one of the most influential and powerful commercial and political gentlemen in that City.

The subject of this Sketch received his education at Rugby and Trinity College, Cambridge; and married Florence, elder daughter of the late Edward Schunck, Esq., of Gledhow Woods, Leeds.

Mr. Kitson is a County J.P. for the North Riding, is an earnest Liberal, and can always be relied upon to do all in his power to assist his party, and to promote its best interests.

Mr. Albert Kitson is a Director of the Monkbridge Iron and Steel Company, Ltd., which controls one of the largest and most successful industries in Yorkshire; and, in the way of sport, he is especially fond of shooting and golf, and has been Captain of the Scarborough Golf Club.

He has a charming seat at Cober Hill, Cloughton, which it is interesting to remember, formerly belonged to that distinguished Advocate and stalwart

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Liberal, the late Sir Frank Lockwood, K.C., M.P., from the executors of whom he purchased the property. Mr. Kitson has now also a residence at Summer Hill, Apperley Bridge, where he intends to spend the winter months, and which is near to his place of business.

Altogether Mr. Kitson spends a very active life, devoting his many abilities for the welfare of the County and the place of his abode.



L. P. Edwards, Esq., J.P.



THE subject of this sketch is one of Scarborough's most respected and influential residents, and occupies the important position of Chairman of the North Riding Bench of Magistrates. Mr. Lea Priestley Edwards is the eldest surviving son of the late J. P. Edwards, Esq., D.L., J.P., of Castle Carr, West Riding, and was born in 1845, and educated at Eton College, and Christ Church, Oxford.

He married in 1873 his cousin, Emily Gertrude, second daughter of the late Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bt., C.B.; and in politics, is a vigorous Tory.

For fourteen years, Mr. Edwards served in the 2nd West Yorkshire Yeomanry Cavalry; and he finds much enjoyable recreation in fishing, golfing and shooting. He resides at 51, The Esplanade, Scarborough, and is a member of the Yorkshire Club.

J. R. Twentyman, Esq., M.I.C.E., F.R.M.S.

IN these day when egotism is so often a prominent feature in individual lives it is indeed refreshing to meet with a gentleman whose character is so entirely free from any taint of this kind as is the influential subject of this Sketch, who is greatly esteemed by all whose privilege it is to know him, and who has always endeavoured to worthily uphold the best traditions of his family. Noted for his ready tact and unfailing courtesy, Mr. James Robert Twentyman, of Kirby Misperton Hall, Pickering, can be very firm when necessary, and believes in performing his various duties without fear or favour, yet withal as graciously as possible.

He is recognised as a gentleman of strong convictions and great business abilities, and everybody credits him with the best of motives in all he says and does. Travel has expanded his views and broadened his sympathies. Hence, albeit a sturdy Conservative, Mr. Twentyman is not a Tory of an unprogressive type. On the contrary, he is commendably actuated by a very real desire to help in the solution of the administrative and other problems of the hour.

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While Mr. Twentyman fully appreciates the keenness of modern suffering and is sincerely sympathetic, he is not however, unmindful of the connection between effects and causes, and can be correctly designated as the genuine friend of the true welfare of his poorer neighbours. His political principles are certainly pronounced, but they are, nevertheless, as a whole, in harmony with the spirit of the age and the progress of the times.

Mr. Twentyman is also a gentleman of considerable business experience, and enjoys an unblemished reputation as a commercial magnate. He has been twenty-five years in China, during which time he was Managing Partner in a large engineering firm, and later Chairman and Managing Director of the same important Company, fulfilling these highly responsible positions with characteristic zeal and ability. He is a M.I.C.E. and a F.R.M.S.

Born at Gateshead in 1843, Mr Twentyman is the son of John Twentyman, Esq., of Orton, Cumberland, and married in 1887 the daughter of John Mims, Esq., of Murton, Co. Durham.

In conclusion, we may justly state that Mr. Twentyman has always placed before himself a high standard of public and private duty, thus happily living out the Shakespearian maxim, "Play well your part; there all the honour lies."

W. D. Gainsford, Esq., J.P.

BORN at Sheffield, and educated at St. Mary's College, Oscott, and London University, Mr. William Dunn Gainsford, J.P., is essentially a typical Yorkshire gentleman, and is a prominent and much respected personality in his native neighbourhood, where he still lives and enjoys a wide circle of friends. He is a County J.P. for the West Riding, and has always proved himself to be a shrewd, fair-minded, and impartial magistrate. Indeed, if Mr. Gainsford errs at all it is usually on the side of leniency, for although he can be very firm and resolute when really necessary, he nevertheless has a very kindly heart and a generous nature.

Possessing a high sense of duty, and commendably wishful to do all the good in his power, Mr. Gainsford is a genuine friend and liberal supporter of more than one deserving institution, and is always laudably happy to be of service to those around him whenever it may be in his power. He exercises a great deal of influence in his native City, and takes a deep interest and pardonable pride in everything affecting its welfare and progress, as he does also in everything appertaining to his beautiful estate at Skendleby.

Politically, Mr. W. D. Gainsford is a vigorous Tory, and whenever he can render any assistance to the Constitutional cause he gladly does so, for his instincts are keenly patriotic, and he is a Unionist heart and soul.

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Mr. Gainsford married Elizabeth, daughter of Admiral J. J. Fulker. of Tremaston Castle, Cornwall: and in addition to being a J.P. for the West Riding of Yorkshire and Sheffield, Mr. Gainsford is also a Magistrate for the County of Lincoln and Lindsay.

His seat is Skendleby Hall, Spilsby.



H. K. Stephenson, Esq., J.P.



MR. H. K. STEPHENSON, member of the well-known firm of Stephenson, Blake, and Co., type founders, is the son of the late Sir Henry Stephenson, and was born in Sheffield in the year 1865, and has every claim to rank as one of Yorkshire's Leaders, for his record of public usefulness and influence is already most marked and commendable.

Educated at the Sheffield Collegiate School and at Rugby, Mr. Stephenson entered upon his business career in 1883. He went through the various practical departments of the typefoundry works, and became a partner in the concern in 1888. Mr. Stephenson, who is a Justice of the Peace for both Sheffield and the West Riding, is an ardent volunteer. In 1886 he joined the 4th West Riding of York Royal Garrison Artillery (Volunteers), becoming a Captain in 1892. At the Diamond Jubilee in 1897 he commanded a detachment of the Sheffield Volunteer Artillery in London, and received the Jubilee medal, in the same year reaching the rank of Major. At King Edward's Coronation in 1902 he again had the honour of commanding a Sheffield Volunteer detachment in London, and received the Coronation medal.

Mr. Stephenson is a member of the Sheffield City Council and the Sheffield Education Committee, a Church Burgess, is Treasurer of the new University of Sheffield, and at the opening of the University had the honour of presenting the key, with which the building was formally opened, to His Majesty the King. He is a Trustee for the Royal Hospital—for some years—

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he was on the Board of Management—the Royal Infirmary, the Boys' and Girls' Charity Schools, the Jessop Hospital, and various other charities.

In addition, Mr. Stephenson is a Director of the Sheffield Gas Company, the Sheffield and Rotherham Bank, and the Public House Trust Company. He is a member of the Church of England, and a Liberal, though he has never played any active part in politics. He is a member of the Galway Hunt, and his residence is Banner Cross Hall, Sheffield.



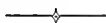
Alfred G. W. Wright, Esq., J.P.

BORN at Verulam, Natal, South Africa, Mr. Alfrew George Wiliam Wright, J.P., of Bessingley Hall, Bridlington, was educated at Shrewsbury School and Pembridge College, Cambridge; married Bridget, only daughter of the late W. K. White, Esq., and of Mrs. White Leahurst, Tickhill.

Mr. Wright is a Justice of the Peace for the East Riding of Yorkshire, and lives the life of a typical English gentleman. He has no taste, or desire, for active public or political life, preferring to pursue a less agitated and more peaceful path. Consequently, country life has a special charm for him, and he takes considerable interest and pride not only in the general management of his beautiful estates, but also in the artistic arrangement and floral displays of various suitable portions of them. He is an excellent landlord, and very popular with his tenantry and his friends generally.

In politics Mr. Wright is a Conservative, and personally and socially he is a very estimable gentleman, and enjoys to a high degree the confidence and esteem of all who have the pleasure of knowing him, for he is kindly in manner and scrupulously straightforward and fair in everything he says and does, and always aims to very courteously and impartially fulfil the obligations and responsibilities of his position.

Cecil Harland, Esq., J.P.



HERE are few more respected and useful members of the East Riding County Council than Mr. Cecil Harland, who, in addition to being a cultured and polished gentleman, possesses a considerable amount of business acumen and ability. He is obviously, therefore, a distinct acquisition to the East Riding County Council, and is unquestionably a successful and valuable component of it.

Incidentally, we may mention that Mr. Harland represents the Bridlington Quay Division, the electors of which may cordially congratulate themselves upon possessing such a painstaking and gifted member. Certainly he has never shirked energetic and earnest effort on their behalf, and has repeatedly proved himself to be a most capable public man, always carrying out his duties with the utmost care and thoroughness. What greater praise can be bestowed?

Mr. Cecil Harland was born on July 18th, 1863: was educated at Haileybury and St. John's College, Oxford: and married Helen, daughter of Thomas Isherwood, Esq.

In politics Mr. Harland is a staunch Unionist, and has repeatedly proved himself an able and unflinching defender of the principles of his party.

Born to social influence, Mr. Harland rises, nevertheless, above the temptations to selfishness and indolent pleasure, remembering rather the parable of the Talents. His time, and his intellectual gifts, as well as his political services, are devoted to unsparingly promoting the best interests of the common

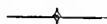
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weal; Mr. Harland both in sentiment and in action inspiringly endorsing the sage's exordium: "Follow light and do the right—for man man half control his doom."

Mr. Harland resides at 47, Tennyson Avenue, Bridlington, and enjoys the unstinted esteem of a wide circle of friends.



J. W. Pennyman, Esq., D.L., J.P.



HERE are few gentlemen in their own own districts who are more highly respected and esteemed than Mr. James Worsley Pennyman, D.L., J.P., of Ormesby Hall, Middlesborough, who is a Yorkshireman by birth, and an excellent representative of his famous County in every respect.

He was educated at Rugby and Trinity College, Cambridge; and married Dora Maria, third daughter of Henry Francis Beaumont, Esq., D.L., J.P., of Whitley Beaumont, another Yorkshire Worthy, whose Sketch and Portrait also appear in this County Volume.

The disinterested zeal with which Mr. Pennyman applies himself to all matters that come under his notice, and which he may consider deserving of attention, is in itself sufficient proof of the genuine nature of his solicitude for the true welfare of those around him and of the people in general.

Whilst firmly supporting that which he considers to be right and just, and though thoroughly outspoken in controversy, Mr. Pennyman is never bigoted or unduly harsh; and in addition to treating those who may differ from him on any point with every courtesy, he takes care never to say anything that would leave room for anyone to question the sincerity of his convictions.

His career has certainly not been one filled with incidents that thrill the blood by dramatic surprises, but his has been the position of a typical County gentleman sustaining his part before the public with quiet dignity; and

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though not striving to be great, as the world considers a man is great, by deeds whose report vibrates through the universe and sets nations agog, yet Mr. Pennyman has always endeavoured to discharge diligently and faithfully the public or private duty that lies at hand.

He is a Conservative in politics, and a very valuable and influential member of his party; and he also finds useful opportunities for his abilities as a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant for the County.



